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As a non-lawyer public arbitrator since 1990, I have found that claimants' lawyers more and more are just boilerplating every possible legal claim in their submissions, regardless of applicability. Decisions are usually based on the facts presented and it would be difficult to relate the decision to each legal claim separately. I believe this proposed rule is unnecessary.

Arbitration decisions are meant to be equitable, not legally based.

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