

**RALJ 1.2**  
**INTERPRETATION AND APPLICATION OF RULES**

**(a) Interpretation.** These rules will be liberally interpreted to promote justice and facilitate the decision of cases on the merits.

**(b) Application of Rules.** Cases and issues will not be determined on the basis of compliance or noncompliance with these rules, except as provided in rules 10.2 and 10.3(c). A party's right to proceed further in an appeal may be conditioned on compliance with the terms of a sanction order under rule 10.1.

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