



On appeal, Applicant makes no assertion of harmful error on the part of the Judge. Instead, he requests reconsideration of the Judge's decision and provides additional information about the circumstances that led to his financial issues and his efforts to resolve them. The Appeal Board does not review cases *de novo* and is prohibited from considering new evidence on appeal. Directive E3.1.29. The Board's authority to review a case is limited to cases in which the appealing party has alleged the Judge committed harmful error. Because Applicant has not made such an allegation of error, the decision of the Judge denying Applicant a security clearance is sustainable.

### **Order**

The Decision is **AFFIRMED**.

Signed: James F. Duffy  
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Administrative Judge  
Chairperson, Appeal Board

Signed: Jennifer I. Goldstein  
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Administrative Judge  
Member, Appeal Board

Signed: Moira Modzelewski  
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