

requested the case be decided on the written record. On August 29, 2007, after considering the record, Administrative Judge Carol G. Ricciardello denied Applicant's request for a security clearance.¹ Applicant appealed pursuant to the Directive ¶¶ E3.1.28 and E3.1.30.

Applicant's appeal brief contains no assertion of harmful error on the part of the Judge. Rather, it contains new evidence which indicates that Applicant has paid off her remaining debts. The Board cannot consider this new evidence on appeal. *See* Directive ¶ E3.1.29.

The Appeal Board's authority to review a case is limited to cases in which the appealing party has alleged the Judge committed harmful error. It does not review cases *de novo*. Applicant has not made an allegation of harmful error. Therefore, the decision of the Judge denying Applicant a security clearance is AFFIRMED.

Signed: Michael Y. Ra'anan

Michael Y. Ra'anan
Administrative Judge
Chairman, Appeal Board

Signed: Jean E. Smallin

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Administrative Judge
Member, Appeal Board

Signed: William S. Fields

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¹The Judge found in favor of Applicant with respect to SOR paragraphs 1.e, 1.f, and 1.g. Those favorable findings are not at issue on appeal.