

KEYWORD: Guideline F

DIGEST: Applicant did not raise an issue of harmful error. Our jurisdiction is limited to cases in which the appealing party has asserted that the Judge committed harmful error. Adverse decision affirm.

CASE NO: 15-03061.a1

DATE: 04/06/2017

DATE: April 6, 2017

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Applicant for Security Clearance	)	

**APPEAL BOARD SUMMARY DISPOSITION**

**APPEARANCES**

**FOR GOVERNMENT**

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*Pro se*

The Department of Defense (DoD) declined to grant Applicant a security clearance. On February 10, 2016, DoD issued a statement of reasons (SOR) advising Applicant of the basis for that decision—security concerns raised under Guideline F (Financial Considerations) of Department of Defense Directive 5220.6 (Jan. 2, 1992, as amended) (Directive). Applicant requested that the case be decided on the written record. On January 30, 2017, after considering the record, Administrative Judge Philip S. Howe denied Applicant’s request for a security clearance. Applicant appealed pursuant to Directive ¶¶ E3.1.28 and E3.1.30.

In the Appeal Brief, Applicant raises no allegation of harmful error on the part of the Judge. Rather, she stated that she is appealing to present favorable information that she did not previously present to the Judge. She attached documents to her Appeal Brief that constitute new evidence, which the Appeal Board can neither receive nor consider. *See* Directive ¶ E3.1.29.

The Board does not review cases *de novo*. 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. Because Applicant has not made an allegation of harmful error, the decision of the Judge denying Applicant a security clearance is **AFFIRMED**.

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Administrative Judge  
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