

KEYWORD: Guideline F

DIGEST: 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. Adverse decision affirmed.

CASENO: 15-04465.a1

DATE: 05/24/2017

DATE: May 24, 2017

In Re: ----- Applicant for Security Clearance)))))))	ISCR Case No. 15-04465
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APPEAL BOARD SUMMARY DISPOSITION

APPEARANCES

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The Department of Defense (DoD) declined to grant Applicant a security clearance. On January 7, 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 March 3, 2017, after considering the record, Defense Office of Hearings and Appeals Administrative Judge Juan J. Rivera denied Applicant’s request for a security clearance. Applicant appealed pursuant to the Directive ¶¶ E3.1.28 and E3.1.30.

In his appeal brief Applicant states that he does not believe the Judge made a wrong decision in his case. He also states that he has paid off several of his creditors, has made progress toward

improving his financial situation, and is willing to provide the Appeal Board with additional information, if requested.

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.

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