DIGEST: Applicant's appeal brief contains no assertion of harmful error on the part of the Judge. Adverse decision affirmed.	
CASENO: 15-05438.a1	
DATE: 10/20/2017	
	DATE: October 20, 2017
In Re:	)
	) ISCR Case No. 15-05438
Applicant for Security Clearance	) ) )

KEYWORD: Guideline F; Guideline E

## APPEAL BOARD SUMMARY DISPOSITION

## **APPEARANCES**

## FOR GOVERNMENT

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The Department of Defense (DoD) declined to grant Applicant a security clearance. On February 16, 2016, DoD issued a statement of reasons (SOR) advising Applicant of the basis for that decision—security concerns raised under Guideline F (Financial Considerations) and Guideline E (Personal Conduct) 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 August 24, 2017, after considering the record, Defense Office of Hearings and Appeals (DOHA) Administrative

Judge Richard A. Cefola denied Applicant's request for a security clearance. 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 a narrative statement in which Applicant challenges the circumstances of her termination of employment after the Judge's adverse decision. Any recourse she might have for this complaint would be addressed properly in another forum. She also asserts that she does not need a security clearance for her work. The Board is no position to assess the validity of such an assertion. *See, e.g.*, ISCR Case No. 07-05632 at 2 (App. Bd. May 13, 2008).

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

Signed: Michael Ra'anan
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Administrative Judge
Chairperson, Appeal Board

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