

KEYWORD: Guideline F

DIGEST: 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 references her excellent employment history and her ongoing efforts to resolve her financial problems. The Board cannot consider any new evidence on appeal. Adverse decision affirmed.

CASENO: 15-07971.a1

DATE: 07/26/2017

DATE: July 26, 2017

In Re: ----- Applicant for Security Clearance)))))))	ISCR Case No. 15-07971
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APPEAL BOARD SUMMARY DISPOSITION

APPEARANCES

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Pro se

The Department of Defense (DoD) declined to grant Applicant a security clearance. On April 20, 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 decided on the written record. On May 12, 2017, after considering the record, Defense Office of Hearings and

Appeals (DOHA) Administrative Judge Robert J. Kilmartin 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 references her excellent employment history and her ongoing efforts to resolve her financial problems.

The Board cannot consider any new evidence on appeal. *See* Directive ¶ E3.1.29. Additionally, 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.

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