KEYWORD: Guideline F

DIGEST: Applicant has not raised an issue of harmful error by the Judge. Adverse decision affirmed.

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The Department of Defense (DoD) declined to grant Applicant a security clearance. On June 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 a decision on the written record. On July 27, 2017, after considering the record, Defense Office of Hearings and Appeals (DOHA) Administrative Judge Thomas M. Crean denied Applicant's request for a security clearance. Applicant appealed pursuant to Directive ¶ E3.1.28 and E3.1.30.

Applicant has not raised an issue of harmful error by the Judge. He provides some information about the status of his delinquent debts, much of which is new evidence. We cannot consider new evidence upon appeal. Directive ¶ E3.1.29. We do not review a case de novo. Our scope of review is limited to cases in which the appealing party raises an issue of harmful error. *See, e.g.*, ISCR Case No. 15-03935 at 2 (App. Bd. Oct. 11, 2017). There being none, the decision is **AFFIRMED**.

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