

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. Applicant has not made an allegation of harmful error on the part of the Judge. Adverse decision affirmed.

CASENO: 16-00759.a1

DATE: 08/22/2017

DATE: August 22, 2017

In Re: ----- Applicant for Security Clearance)))))))	ISCR Case No. 16-00759
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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 July 15, 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 hearing. On June 6, 2017, after the hearing, Defense Office of Hearings and Appeals (DOHA) Administrative Judge Eric H. Borgstrom denied Applicant’s request for a security clearance. Applicant appealed

pursuant to 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 explaining why her debts became delinquent and describing her efforts to resolve them. She also cites to the effect that a security clearance denial will have on her. The Directive does not permit us to consider the impact of an unfavorable decision. *See, e.g.*, ISCR Case No. 14-04202 at 4 (App. Bd. Dec. 24, 2015).

The Board does not review a case *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 on the part of the Judge, the decision of the Judge is AFFIRMED.

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