KEYWORD: Guideline F

DIGEST: The Board cannot receive or consider any new evidence on appeal. Applicant has not made an allegation of harmful error on the part of the Judge. Adverse decision affirmed.

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Applicant for Security Clearance

APPEAL BOARD SUMMARY DISPOSITION

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The Department of Defense (DoD) declined to grant Applicant a security clearance. On August 7, 2014, 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 7, 2017, after considering the record, Defense Office of Hearings and Appeals (DOHA) Administrative Judge Paul J. Mason 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 states that her financial status has improved due to a recent promotion and the steady growth of her husband's business. Additionally, she has completed credit counseling and is in the process of starting a debt repayment plan. She notes that with the exception of financial difficulties, she is a model citizen and employee.

The Board cannot receive or consider any new evidence on appeal. See Directive \P 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.

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

Signed: James F. Duffy James F. Duffy Administrative Judge Member, Appeal Board

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