

KEYWORD: Guideline E; Guideline F

DIGEST: Applicant’s appeal brief raises no allegation of harmful error on the part of the Judge. Adverse decision affirmed.

CASENO: 17-00560.a1

DATE: 05/23/2018

DATE: May 23, 2018

In Re: ----- Applicant for Security Clearance)))))))	ISCR Case No.17-00560
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APPEAL BOARD DECISION

APPEARANCES

FOR GOVERNMENT

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FOR APPLICANT

Pro se

The Department of Defense (DoD) declined to grant Applicant a security clearance. On May 11, 2017, 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 a hearing. On March 6, 2018, after the hearing, Administrative Judge Jennifer Goldstein denied Applicant’s request for a security clearance. Applicant appealed pursuant to Directive ¶¶ E3.1.28 and E3.1.30.

Applicant’s appeal brief raises no allegation of harmful error on the part of the Judge. Rather, it contains a narrative statement about the status of her debts and her efforts to resolve them. In the appeal brief, she also admitted that she falsified her security clearance application and stated that she was extremely remorseful for doing so and it will not happen again.

The Board does not review cases *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 such an allegation of error, the decision of the Judge denying Applicant a security clearance is **AFFIRMED**.

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

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