

Applicant's appeal brief contains no assertion of harmful error on the part of the Judge. Rather, it contains new evidence which updates his financial situation and indicates that Applicant has paid off, or is continuing to make payments on, the debts set forth in the SOR. Applicant also offers explanations for specific concerns noted by the Judge in his decision. The Board cannot consider this new evidence on appeal. *See* Directive ¶ E3.1.29.

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. It does not review cases *de novo*. Applicant has not made an allegation of harmful error. Therefore, the decision of the Judge denying Applicant a security clearance is AFFIRMED.

Signed: Michael Y. Ra'anan
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