

KEYWORD: Guideline F

DIGEST: Applicant's appeal brief raises no allegation of harmful error on the part of the Judge. Rather, it asserts that Applicant is committed to maintaining financial integrity. He also indicates that granting him a security clearance will allow him to advance in his career and to pursue higher education. The Directive, however, does not permit us to consider the impact of an unfavorable decision. Adverse decision affirmed.

CASENO: 17-03647.a1

DATE: 10/31/2019

DATE: October 31, 2019

In Re: _____)
-----) ISCR Case No. 17-03647
Applicant for Security Clearance)
_____)

APPEAL BOARD DECISION

APPEARANCES

FOR GOVERNMENT

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Pro se

The Department of Defense (DoD) declined to grant Applicant a security clearance. On December 19, 2017, 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 July 31, 2019, after the hearing, Administrative Judge Michael H. Leonard 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 asserts that Applicant is committed to maintaining financial integrity. He also indicates that granting him a security clearance will allow him to advance in his career and to pursue higher education. The Directive, however, 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 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.

Order

The Decision is **AFFIRMED**.

Signed: Michael Ra'anan

Michael Ra'anan
Administrative Judge
Chairperson, Appeal Board

Singed: James E. Moody

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Administrative Judge
Member, Appeal Board

Signed: James F. Duffy

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