

KEYWORD: Guideline F

DIGEST: Applicant's appeal brief raises no allegation of error on the part of the Judge. Rather, it requests that the Appeal Board reconsider the Judge's decision and presents arguments in support of that request. Adverse decision affirmed.

CASENO: 17-02348.a1

DATE: 08/13/2019

DATE: August 13, 2019

In Re: _____)
-----) ISCR Case No. 17-02348
)
Applicant for Security Clearance)

APPEAL BOARD DECISION

APPEARANCES

FOR GOVERNMENT

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FOR APPLICANT

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The Department of Defense (DoD) declined to grant Applicant a security clearance. On July 21, 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 June 6, 2019, after the hearing, Defense Office of Hearings and Appeals (DOHA) 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 error on the part of the Judge. Rather, it requests that the Appeal Board reconsider the Judge's decision and presents arguments in support of that request.

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

Signed: James E. Moody

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Administrative Judge
Member, Appeal Board

Signed: James F. Duffy

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