

KEYWORD: Guideline F

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

CASENO: 17-01199.a1

DATE: 02/12/2019

DATE: February 12, 2019

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In Re: \_\_\_\_\_ )  
----- ) ISCR Case No. 17-01199  
Applicant for Security Clearance )  
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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 3, 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 December 4, 2018, after the hearing, Administrative Judge Stephanie C. Hess 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 assertions about the reasons for his financial problems and his actions to resolve them.

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

Michael Ra'anan  
Administrative Judge  
Chairperson, Appeal Board

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Member, Appeal Board

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