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Citation: *R. S. v. Canada Employment Insurance Commission and Etratech Inc.*, 2016 SSTADEI 304

Tribunal File Number: AD-15-1614

BETWEEN:

R. S.

Applicant

and

Canada Employment Insurance Commission and Etratech Inc.

Respondent

SOCIAL SECURITY TRIBUNAL DECISION
Appeal Division

DECISION BY: Mark Borer

DATE OF DECISION: June 14, 2016

DECISION

[1] On November 23, 2015, a member of the General Division dismissed the Applicant's appeal from the previous determination of the Commission. In due course, the Applicant filed an application requesting leave to appeal to the Appeal Division.

[2] Subsection 58(1) of the *Department of Employment and Social Development Act* states that the only grounds of appeal are that:

- (a) the General Division failed to observe a principle of natural justice or otherwise acted beyond or refused to exercise its jurisdiction;
- (b) the General Division erred in law in making its decision, whether or not the error appears on the face of the record; or
- (c) the General Division based its decision on an erroneous finding of fact that it made in a perverse or capricious manner or without regard for the material before it.

[3] The *Act* also states that leave to appeal is to be refused if the appeal has "no reasonable chance of success".

[4] In her initial application the Applicant re-stated many of the arguments she had previously made before the General Division member and continued to insist that she should be believed over her Employer.

[5] Noting that the Applicant's appeal was not complete because the grounds of appeal were not sufficiently detailed, I directed Tribunal staff to contact the Applicant by letter and ask for further details. Specifically, the Tribunal letter asked that she provide full and detailed grounds of appeal as required by the *Act*, and provided her with examples of what constitutes grounds of appeal. The Tribunal letter also noted that if she did not do so, her application could be refused without further notice.

[6] The Applicant responded by once again repeating her evidence regarding the alleged conduct of her Employer and asking that her version of events be adopted by the Tribunal.

[7] I find that the Applicant's submissions are essentially a blanket objection to the member's decision and a request that I re-weigh the evidence and come to a different conclusion.

[8] This I cannot do.

[9] The role of the Appeal Division is to determine if a reviewable error set out in ss. 58(1) of the *Act* has been made by the General Division and if so to provide a remedy for that error. In the absence of such a reviewable error, the law does not permit the Appeal Division to intervene. It is not our role to re-hear the case *de novo*.

[10] In order to have a reasonable chance of success, the Applicant must explain in some detail how in their view at least one reviewable error set out in the *Act* has been made. Having failed to do so, and as I can detect no obvious error in the decision, this application for leave to appeal does not have a reasonable chance of success and must be refused.

Mark Borer

Member, Appeal Division