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Citation: *G. M. v. Canada Employment Insurance Commission*, 2017 SSTADEI 41

Tribunal File Number: AD-17-36

BETWEEN:

**G. M.**

Applicant

and

**Canada Employment Insurance Commission**

Respondent

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**SOCIAL SECURITY TRIBUNAL DECISION**  
**Appeal Division**

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Leave to Appeal Decision by: Pierre Lafontaine

Date of Decision: February 6, 2017

## **REASONS AND DECISION**

### **DECISION**

[1] The Tribunal grants leave to appeal to the Appeal Division of the Social Security Tribunal.

### **INTRODUCTION**

[2] On December 6, 2016, the General Division of the Tribunal determined that the Applicant left his employment without just cause in accordance with sections 29 and 30 of the Employment Insurance Act (Act)

[3] The Applicant requested leave to appeal to the Appeal Division on January 16, 2017 after receiving the decision of the General Division on December 19, 2016.

### **ISSUE**

[4] The Tribunal must decide if the appeal has a reasonable chance of success.

### **THE LAW**

[5] According to subsections 56(1) and 58(3) of the Department of Employment and Social Development Act (DESD Act), “an appeal to the Appeal Division may only be brought if leave to appeal is granted” and “the Appeal Division must either grant or refuse leave to appeal”.

[6] Subsection 58(2) of the DESD Act provides that “leave to appeal is refused if the Appeal Division is satisfied that the appeal has no reasonable chance of success”.

### **ANALYSIS**

[7] Subsection 58(1) of the DESD Act states that the only grounds of appeal are the following:

- (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.

[8] In regards to the application for permission to appeal, the Tribunal needs to be satisfied that the reasons for appeal fall within any of the above mentioned grounds of appeal and that at least one of the reasons has a reasonable chance of success, before leave can be granted.

[9] The Applicant essentially submits that the General Division based its decision on erroneous findings of fact that it made in a perverse or capricious manner. He gives details of the alleged errors of fact committed by the General Division. He argues that he had a reasonable assurance of another employment in the immediate future when he left his employment. The Applicant basically submits that he met the test for just cause.

[10] After reviewing the docket of appeal, the decision of the General Division and considering the arguments of the Applicant in support of his request for leave to appeal, the Tribunal finds that the appeal has a reasonable chance of success. The Applicant has set out reasons which fall into the above enumerated grounds of appeal that could possibly lead to the reversal of the disputed decision.

## **CONCLUSION**

[11] The Tribunal grants leave to appeal to the Appeal Division of the Social Security Tribunal.

Pierre Lafontaine  
Member, Appeal Division