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Citation: *M. L. v. Canada Employment Insurance Commission*, 2017 SSTADEI 126

Tribunal File Number: AD-16-1252

BETWEEN:

**M. L.**

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: Mark Borer

Date of Decision: March 29, 2017

## REASONS AND DECISION

[1] Previously, a member of the General Division dismissed the Applicant's appeal. 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* (DESDA) 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 DESDA 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 asked that her appeal be allowed on "compassionate grounds". On their own initiative, Tribunal staff asked for more details and in response the Applicant stated that she "is aware that she has not met any of the exceptions" that would permit her to receive benefits. She added that this was why she appealed on compassionate grounds.

[5] Because these submissions could not ground a successful appeal, I asked Tribunal staff to again contact the Applicant by letter to seek further details. Specifically, the second Tribunal letter asked that the Applicant provide full and detailed grounds of appeal as required by the DESDA, and provided examples of what constitutes grounds of appeal. The letter also noted that if this was not done, the application could be refused without further notice.

[6] The Applicant did not respond.

[7] The Applicant is dissatisfied with the General Division member's decision. She would like me to allow her appeal for compassionate reasons even though she has failed to identify any error made by the General Division member.

[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 DESDA 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 rehear the case *de novo*.

[10] It is not sufficient for an applicant to ask the Appeal Division for a different outcome than that already rendered. In order to have a reasonable chance of success, an applicant must explain in some detail how, in their view, at least one reviewable error set out in the DESDA has been made. Having failed to do so, even after having been twice prompted to do so by the Tribunal, I find that the Applicant's application for leave to appeal does not have a reasonable chance of success and must be refused.

*Mark Borer*

Member, Appeal Division