REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA



IN THE HIGH COURT OF SOUTH AFRICA, GAUTENG LOCAL DIVISION, JOHANNESBURG

CASE NO: 23159/2019

(1) REPORTABLE: NO

(2) OF INTEREST TO OTHER JUDGES NO

(3) REVISED.

10 OCTOBER 2019

LTMODIBA J (Ms.)

In the matter between:

KUBENTHERAN MOODLEY

Applicant

And

THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE JUDICIAL COMMISSION OF INQUIRY INTO ALLEGATIONS OF STATE CAPTURE, CORRUPTION AND FRAUD IN THE PUBLIC SECTOR INCLUDING ORGANS OF STATE

First Respondent

and

KNOX TITANIUM VAULT COMPANY (PTY) LTD

Second Respondent

J U D G M E N T IN RESPECT OF THE FIRST RESONDENT'S APPLICATION FOR LEAVE TO APPEAL

MODIBA, J:

- [1] This is an opposed application for leave to appeal the judgment and order I handed down on 21 August 2019, upholding the applicant's application to set aside the summons the first respondent issued on 24 June 2019 ("the setting aside application").
- [2] For convenience, I use the parties' citation in the setting aside application.
- [3] The first respondent relies on section 17(1)(a)(i) of the Superior Courts Act 10 of 2013. It provides:
 - "(1) Leave to appeal may only be given where the judge or judges concerned are of the opinion that-
 - (a) (i) the appeal would have a reasonable prospect of success;"
- [4] The first respondent has set out his grounds of appeal in detail. Their gravamen is that I erred in the interpretation I accorded to sections 3(1) and (2) of the Commission's Act¹ and Regulations 4(1) and (2) of the Commission's Regulations² and in awarding costs to the applicant. He contends that there are reasonable prospects that another court would construe these provisions differently, as well as return a different order in respect of costs. Only Mr. Moodley opposes the application. He contends that there are no prospects that another court would come to a different conclusion on these issues.
- [6] I have considered the grounds for appeal as set out in the first respondent's notice of appeal as well as submissions by counsel for the parties. I stand by my reasons for judgment as set out in the judgment handed down in this matter.
- [8] I find that the first respondent fails to meet the threshold referred to above.
- [9] In the premises, the application stands to be dismissed with costs.

¹ Act 8 of 1947.

² The Regulations of the Judicial Commission of Inquiry into Allegations of State Capture, Corruption and Fraud in the Public Sector including Organs of State, published in the Government Gazette of 9 February 2018 as a Schedule to Government Notice 105.

[10] I therefore make the following order:

ORDER

1. The application for leave to appeal is dismissed with costs.

MADAM JUSTICE L T MODIBA
JUDGE OF THE HIGH COURT
GAUTENG LOCAL DIVISION, JOHANNESBURG

APPEARENCES:

Counsel for Applicant: Advocate M Hellens SC

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Counsel for First Respondents: Advocate V Ngalwana SC

Attorney for First Respondents: Shandu Attorneys

Date heard: 20 September 2019

Date of judgment: 10 October 2019