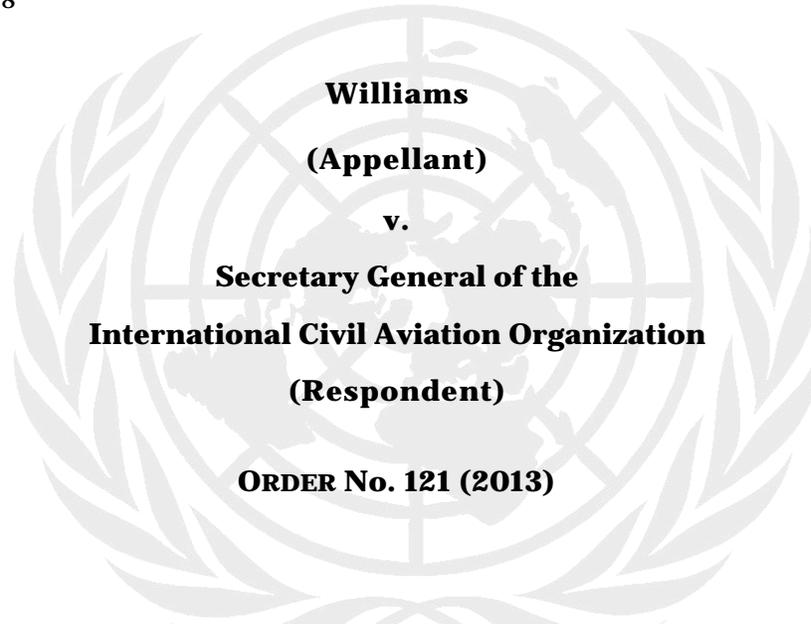




UNITED NATIONS APPEALS TRIBUNAL TRIBUNAL D'APPEL DES NATIONS UNIES

Case No. 2013-428



Williams
(Appellant)
v.
Secretary General of the
International Civil Aviation Organization
(Respondent)

ORDER No. 121 (2013)

1. On 2 January 2013, Mr. Gil B. Williams, representing himself, filed an appeal of a decision by the Secretary General of the International Civil Aviation Organization. However, at the time he filed his appeal, Mr. Williams did not file a brief, as required by Article 8(2) of the Appeals Tribunal's Rules of Procedure (Rules).
2. On 10 January 2013, Mr. Williams advised this Tribunal that he had hired an attorney and his counsel would require additional time to submit the appellate brief. On 14 January 2013, Mr. Williams, now represented by counsel, filed a motion for an extension of the time limit to file the appellate brief, requesting 30 days from the date the brief is due, 14 January 2013. To support his request for an extension of time, Mr. Williams, through his counsel, states that he has been unable to properly represent himself and to timely file an appellate brief since he is acting as the sole executor of his father's estate, which requires that he frequently travel to his father's former home, and he has recently learned of his uncle's terminal illness, which requires that he also travel to his uncle's bedside. Mr. Williams' counsel states he was hired by Mr. Williams on 8 January 2013, and needs additional time from the due date of 14 January 2013 to file the appellate brief, so that he can "render effective assistance of counsel".

3. Article 7(3) of the Appeals Tribunal Statute (Statute) provides that this Tribunal may “suspend or waive the deadlines for a limited period of time and only in exceptional cases” upon written request by the applicant. Article 7(2) of the Rules sets forth the manner in which an appellant should submit a written request for suspension, waiver or extension of a time limit, and Article 30 of the Rules allows this Tribunal to shorten or extend a time limit “when the interests of justice so require”.

4. Here, Mr. Williams timely filed his appeal, along with multiple annexes supporting his claims; however, he did not file an appellate brief, as required by Article 8(2) of the Rules. In the circumstances of this case, this Tribunal determines that “the interests of justice” require the granting of Mr. Williams’ request for a 30-day extension of time for his counsel to prepare and file the appellate brief, so that Mr. Williams has a fair opportunity to fully present his case. Thus, Mr. Williams’ motion for an extension of time to file his appellate brief should be granted.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Mr. Williams’ motion for an extension of time to file his appellate brief is GRANTED, and the brief shall be filed **no later than 13 February 2013, at 4:00 p.m. EST**. No further extensions of time will be granted.

Original and Authoritative Version: English

Dated 24th day of January 2013 in
Los Angeles, United States.

(Signed)
Judge Rosalyn Chapman, Duty Judge

Entered in the Register on this 25th day of
January 2013 in New York, United States.

(Signed)
Weicheng Lin, Registrar