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UNAT Held or UNDT Pronouncements

The UNDT found that the Applicant was unable to prove that the selection process was biased against him and that the consideration of his candidacy was marred by significant errors or procedural violations that would vitiate the selection process or resulted in a failure to give him proper consideration. The application was dismissed.

Decision Contested or Judgment/Order Appealed

The Applicant contested his non-selection for an S-4 level position. Having found the case receivable in Awad UNDT/2013/071, the Tribunal considered the merits of the case in the present judgment.

Legal Principle(s)

Judicial review of non-selection cases: The Secretary-General has broad discretion in substantive determinations of eligibility and in matters of selection and promotion, and it is not the role of the Tribunal to substitute its own decision for that of the Secretary-General (Abbassi 2011-UNAT-110). However, the exercise of managerial prerogative is not absolute and the Tribunal may examine whether the selection procedures were properly followed or were carried out in an improper, irregular or otherwise flawed manner, as well as assess whether the candidate was given full and fair consideration or whether the resulting decision was tainted by undue considerations or was manifestly unreasonable. Full and fair consideration means that the persons evaluating the Applicant's qualifications assess them rationally, fairly, and reasonably, taking into account and appropriately weighing up all relevant matters free of improper and irrelevant considerations and based upon relevant information and considerations.

Outcome

Dismissed on merits

Full judgment

Full judgment

Applicants/Appellants

Awad

Entity

DSS

Case Number(s)

UNDT/NY/2012/036

Tribunal

UNDT

Registry

New York

Date of Judgement

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Duty Judge

Judge Carstens

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• Article 9

Related Judgments and Orders UNDT/2013/071 UNDT/2009/095 2011-UNAT-110 2012-UNAT-242