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UNAT Held or UNDT Pronouncements

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Decision Contested or Judgment/Order Appealed

The Applicant, an Administrative Assistant at the G-7 level at the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund, did not clearly identify the contested administrative decision(s) in her application. After conducting case management and issuing a number of orders, the Tribunal considered that the Applicant had identified four decisions and/or issues for consideration: (a) a decision in 2010 in which she was denied the full period of annual leave that she had requested; (b) an implied decision or decisions not to provide her with a job description in a timely manner; (c) an implied decision or decisions not to reduce her workload despite awareness on the part of management that she was suffering from health issues; and (d) whether she should be awarded compensation for the effect of the above decisions on her health. The Tribunal found that the first decision was time-barred in accordance with

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Legal Principle(s)

Staff member must clearly define the contested decision(s) in request for management evaluationThe Administration cannot be expected to review a chronology of events occurring over a number of years and guess every decision, explicit or implied, that a staff member wishes to contest. As held by the Appeals Tribunal, it is essential for a staff member to clearly identify the decision or decisions that he or she is contesting when submitting a request for management evaluation

Outcome

Dismissed as not receivable

Full judgment

Full judgment

Applicants/Appellants

Monarawila

Entity

UNJSPF

Case Number(s)

UNDT/NY/2015/24

Tribunal

UNDT

Registry

New York

Date of Judgement

10 Mar 2016

Duty Judge

Judge Meeran

Language of Judgment

English

Issuance Type

Judgment

Categories/Subcategories

Abuse of process before UNDT/UNAT
Costs
Administrative decision
Jurisdiction / receivability (UNDT or first instance)
Management Evaluation
Procedure (first instance and UNAT)
Case management

Applicable Law

Staff Rules

• Appendix D

UNDT RoP

• Article 28.2

UNDT Statute

- Article 10.6
- Article 8.1
- Article 8.3
- Article 8.4

UNAT Statute

• Article 2.1(a)