2015-UNAT-524, Utkina

UNAT Held or UNDT Pronouncements

As a preliminary matter, UNAT denied the Appellant's application to file a reply to the Secretary-General's answer and her motion to file additional evidence. On the issue of redaction, UNAT held that the Appellant's concerns were unfounded because the judgments referenced her professional profile only in a general way and did not detail the confidential matters raised by the Appellant in her submission. UNAT agreed with the findings of UNDT that the previous judgment with the Appellant's name as written had already been in the public domain for a long time and no useful purpose would be served by an order of redaction. UNAT dismissed the appeal and affirmed the UNDT judgment.

Decision Contested or Judgment/Order Appealed

The Applicant requested to withdraw her case and the redaction of all documents related to her case on the UN Office of Administration of Justice website, including a previous judgment on Suspension. UNDT accepted the Appellant's withdrawal of her application on the merits and rejection the Appellant's request for redaction.

Legal Principle(s)

Redaction is only permitted where it is necessary to protect the information of a confidential and sensitive nature.

Outcome

Appeal dismissed on merits

Full judgment

Full judgment

Applicants/Appellants

Utkina

Entity

UNODA

Case Number(s)

2014-601

Tribunal

UNAT

Registry

New York

Date of Judgement

26 Feb 2015

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English

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Judgment

Categories/Subcategories

Procedure (first instance and UNAT) Confidentiality

Applicable Law

Other UN issuances (guidelines, policies etc.)

• UNAT Practice Direction No.1/Section II.A.3

UNAT RoP

- Article 18.1
- Article 31.1

UNAT Statute

- Article 2.5
- Article 8.3

UNDT Statute

• Article 11

Related Judgments and Orders

UNDT/2014/024