

The State (on application by Madalitso Fred Kazombo) v Malawi Electoral Commission

Summary

Court:	High Court of Malawi
Registry:	Civil Division
Bench:	Honourable Justice Violet Palikena-Chipao
Cause Number:	Judicial Review Cause No. 61 of 2025
Date of Judgment:	September 22, 2025
Bar:	Oscar Taulo, Counsel for the Applicant respondent unrepresented

The Applicant sought leave from the High Court to commence judicial review proceedings against the Malawi Electoral Commission regarding an election. The Court reviewed the application and its supporting documents and identified numerous irregularities, including typographical errors, wrong citations, and unclear arguments, concluding they were prepared in a hurry. Due to these procedural deficiencies, the Court dismissed the application. The Applicant was granted liberty to refile a properly drafted application, with the directive that any new proceedings for leave must be made with notice to the Respondent.