

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

## Summary

<b>Court:</b>	High Court of Malawi
<b>Registry:</b>	Civil Division
<b>Bench:</b>	Honourable Justice Violet Palikena-Chipao
<b>Cause Number:</b>	Judicial Review Cause No. 61 of 2025
<b>Date of Judgment:</b>	September 22, 2025
<b>Bar:</b>	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.