SUPREME COURT OF SEYCHELLES

Reportable [2022] SCSC 98-2 XP 246/2022

In the ex parte matter of:

EX PARTE: EDMUND VICKERS

Petitioner

(rep. by Anthony Juliette)

Neutral Citation: Ex Parte: Edmund Vickers (XP 246/2022) [2022] SCSC 12 (11

November 2022).

Before:

Burhan J

Summary:

Application for AdhocAdmission pursuant to Section 12 of the Legal

Practitioners Act

Heard:

10 November 2022

Delivered:

11 November 2022

ORDER

On perusal of the petition filed and the supporting affidavit of Mr. Edmund Vickers KC, I am satisfied that the facts set out therein are affirmed by the annexed documents. I am therefore satisfied that Mr. Edmund Vickers is a fit and proper person to be allowed to practise as Counsel for the ACCS in CR Side 114/2021 and other criminal cases filed and to be filed by ACCS. The application is granted. Mr. Vickers is therefore allowed to practise as Counsel in these cases before the Supreme Court for a period not exceeding 6 months from the date hereof

ORDER

BURHAN J

[1] Learned Counsel Mr. Anthony Juliette filed a petition on behalf of the Petitioner Mr. Edmund Vickers seeking an extension/ re- appointment/ appointment of Mr. Vickers as a legal practitioner for the Anti- Corruption Commission Seychelles (ACCS) in Criminal

- Side No 114/2021 and for other cases filed by the ACCS for a further period of six months pursuant to Section 12 of the Legal Practitioners Act CAP 111.
- [2] In the petition dated 2nd November 2022, it is stated that the Petitioner is KC (Kings Counsel) with Higher Courts Rights of audience before Criminal Courts of England and Wales since 2017 having been admitted as a Barrister of England and Wales in November 1995 and practised as Barrister in England and Wales since then.
- [3] It is further averred that the Petitioner has been retained and instructed as Counsel for ACCS, jointly with Mr. Anthony Juliette in their cases presently before the Supreme Court, namely Criminal Side No. 114/2021 and other criminal cases filed and to be filed by ACCS.
- [4] Learned Counsel Mr. Juliette further avers in the petition that the Petitioner is a fit and proper person to be called and admitted to practice law in Seychelles pursuant to Section 12 of the Legal Practitioners Act. In support of same he has filed an affidavit sworn by the Petitioner in support of the petition and annexed the following documents of the Petitioner, his Practising Certificate, his letter of good standing dated 10th March 2022 and his appointment letter from the ACCS.
- I also observe from the facts averred in the petition and the documents attached that the Petitioner Mr. Vickers was admitted by the Supreme Court of Seychelles on the 29 March 2022 as a legal practitioner for ACCS in Criminal Side No. 114/2021 and other criminal cases filed and to be filed by ACCS for a period of 6 months, which period has now expired. It is further stated that the said cases are ongoing and scheduled for trial in April to July 2023.
- [6] On perusal of the petition filed and the supporting affidavit of Mr. Edmund Vickers KC, I am satisfied that the facts set out therein are affirmed by the annexed documents. I am therefore satisfied that Mr. Edmund Vickers is a fit and proper person to be allowed to practise as Counsel for the ACCS in CR Side 114/2021 and other criminal cases filed and to be filed by ACCS. The application is granted. Mr. Vickers is therefore allowed to practise as Counsel in these cases before the Supreme Court for a period not exceeding 6 months from the date hereof subject to the following conditions:

- I. He should take an oath of office to practice as Attorney at Law with right of audience before the Supreme Court of Seychelles in the aforementioned cases.
- II. He should sign a Security Bond in the sum of SR50,000.00 (Fifty thousand) for his professional ethics and good conduct whilst practising within the jurisdiction.
- III. During the above period, he shall not accept any other briefs in respect of any other client(s) apart from the ones provided in the proceedings in which he has been given right of audience.
- IV. During the period in which the right of audience has been granted, he shall not engage in any other gainful occupations, do business or render legal services to any other persons or legal entities.
- V. Subject to the above, the Registrar of the Supreme Court shall enter his name on the Register of Legal Practitioners in accordance to Section 12 (4) of the Legal Practitioners Act and issue the necessary certificates.

Signed, dated and delivered at Ile du Port on 11 November 2022

Burhan J