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SPECIAL COURT FOR SIERRA LEONE
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IN THE APPEALS CHAMBER

Before: Justice Robertson, Presiding
Justice Ayoola
Justice King
Justice Winter

Registrar: Mr Robin Vincent

Date: 20th day of November 2003

The Prosecutor Against
(PROSECUTION)

Charles Ghankay Taylor
(RESPONDENT)

African Bar Association
(APPLICANT)

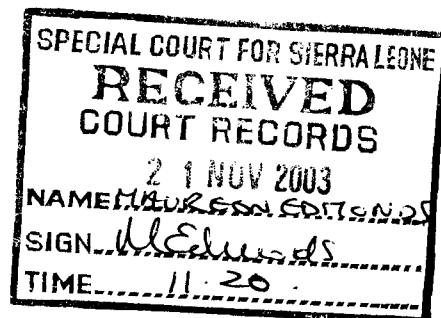
Case No. SCSL-2003-01-AR72(E)

**DECISION ON APPLICATION BY THE AFRICAN BAR ASSOCIATION FOR
LEAVE TO FILE *AMICUS CURIAE* BRIEF**

Office of the Prosecutor:
Luc Coté, Chief of Prosecutions
Desmond de Silva, Deputy Prosecutor

Defence Counsel:
Terence Michael Terry

Applicant:
Femi Falana



THE APPEALS CHAMBER OF THE SPECIAL COURT FOR SIERRA LEONE (“the Special Court”)

BEING SEISED OF an Application by the African Bar Association to appear as an *amicus curiae* in the Prosecutor vs. Charles Ghankay Taylor filed on 18 November 2003 relating to the Preliminary Motion “made under protest and without waiving of immunity accorded to a Head of State requesting that the Trial Chamber quash the indictment and declare null and void the warrant of arrest and order of transfer and detention” filed on 23 July 2003 and in relation to which oral arguments were heard on 31 October and 1 November 2003;

CONSIDERING the submissions of the Applicant, in particular as to why the application was made out of the time permitted by Article 5 of the Practice Direction on filing documents under Rule 72 of the Rules of Procedure and Evidence before the Appeals Chamber of the Special Court for Sierra Leone dated 22 September 2003;

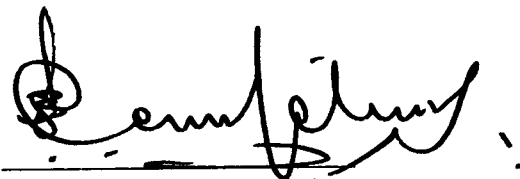
CONSIDERING the principles enunciated in the Decision on Application by the Redress Trust, Lawyers Committee for Human Rights and the International Commission of Jurists for Leave to File Amicus Curiae Brief in the case of *Prosecutor v Morris Kallon* of 4 November 2003;

HEREBY DECIDES to grant leave to the Applicant to appear in writing as an *amicus curiae*, and

ORDERS that the written brief submitted by the Applicant to the Special Court in anticipation of this Decision be filed and distributed to the parties.

Done at Freetown

This twentieth day of November 2003


Justice Robertson, Presiding

