THE MANAGEMENT OF ALAN L. GRANT COMPANY and C-T COMMODITY

TRADING COMPANY, Respondents/Appellants, v. RUDOLPHUS BROWN,

Assistant Minister for Labour Standards/Hearing Officer, Ministry of Labour, and S.

TOSHA BROWN, Movants/Appellees.

JUDGEMENT WITHOUT OPINION

Decided: August 27, 2004.

At the call of this case, Counsellors G. Moses Paegar and J. Johnny Momoh appeared for

respondents/appellants, and Counsellors N. Oswald Tweh and Scheaplor R. Dunbar

appeared for appellees/movants.

Appellees/movants counsels then applied to the Court for permission to make a

submission after notation of representation, which application was granted. In their

submission appellees' counsels submitted that the holding in the case Dennis v. The

Management of LEC, 37 LLR 303 (1993) is directly adverse to their motion to dismiss as filed

in the National Labour Court for Montserrado County, and the ruling of the judge of said

court. That said case having not been overturned or overruled; it is the authority in this

jurisdiction. The facts are analogous to the facts in the instant case. The procedure for

service of process regarding a petition for judicial review in labor cases on appeal from the

hearing officer is that it may be served either on the party or on his counsel where the party

cannot be found or his address or whereabouts is unknown. Service upon the counsel in

such cases will be deemed service upon the party le or viz a writ of summons in a labor court

may be reversed on either or bands. He therefore conceded the defect of their motion to

dismiss and requested this Court to terminate the appeal and forward said matter to the

National Labour Court, ordering the said judge to resume jurisdiction, rescind her ruling on

the motion to dismiss and thereafter dispose of the petition for judicial review. Counsels for

appellants then conceded to the said submission of appellees' counsels.

Appellants' counsel having conceded to the submission of appellees' counsels, it is

hereby adjudged: that the submission should be and the same is granted and the appeal is

dismissed with costs against the appellees. The Clerk of this Court is hereby ordered to send

a mandate down to the Court below commanding the judge presiding therein to resume

jurisdiction over the cause, rescind her ruling on the motion to dismiss and thereafter

dispose of the petition for judicial review. And it is hereby so ordered.

NOTE: Madam Justice Coleman having served as counsel for one of the parties prior to

her elevation to the Bench, did not participate in the hearing of this case, and hence did not

sign this Judgment.