SCSL -12-02-A (108-110)



SPECIAL COURT FOR SIERRA LEONE

THE PRESIDENT OF THE SPECIAL COURT

Before:

Justice Shireen Avis Fisher,

President

Registrar:

Ms. Binta Mansaray

Date:

20 March 2013

THE INDEPENDENT

COUNSEL

Against

PRINCE TAYLOR

(Case No. SCSL-12-02-A)

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ORDER ASSIGNING JUDGES TO A CASE BEFORE THE APPEALS CHAMBER

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Justice Shireen Avis Fisher, President of the Special Court for Sierra Leone ("Special Court");

NOTING the Judgment in Contempt Proceedings issued on 25 January 2013, filed on 11 February 2013¹ and the Sentencing Judgment in Contempt Proceedings, issued on 08 February 2013, filed on 14 February 2013;²

NOTING the Notice of Appeal filed on 22 February 2013³ and the Appellant's Submissions for Appeals Against Conviction and Sentence, filed on 15 March 2013⁴ by Mr. Prince Taylor;

NOTING the Independent Counsel's Urgent Motion for Clarification Regarding the Deadline for Filing Submissions in Response to Appellant's Submissions for Appeals Against Conviction and Sentence, filed on 18 March 2013;⁵

CONSIDERING Articles 12(1)(b) and 12(3) of the Statute of the Special Court ("Statute"), pursuant to which five judges shall serve in the Appeals Chamber and the presiding judge of the Appeals Chamber shall be the President of the Special Court;

CONSIDERING Rule 27bis(D) of the Rules of Procedure and Evidence of the Special Court ("Rules"), pursuant to which the Appeals Chamber shall, for each appeal, be composed of all its five members, unless otherwise provided in the Rules;

CONSIDERING FURTHER that, pursuant to Rule 77(J) of the Rules, any conviction rendered under Rule 77 shall be subject to appeal and that in accordance with Rule 77(K) of the Rules, appeals pursuant to Rule 77 shall be heard by a bench of at least three Judges of the Appeals Chamber;

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¹ Independent Counsel v. Prince Taylor, SCSL-12-02-T-051, Judgment in Contempt Proceedings, 11 February 2013 [Prince Taylor Trial Judgment].

² Independent Counsel v. Prince Taylor, SCSL-12-02-T-052, Sentencing Judgment, 14 February 2013 [Prince Taylor Sentencing Judgment].

³ Independent Counsel v. Prince Taylor, SCSL-12-02-A, 053, Notice of Appeal, 22 Februray 2013.

⁴ Independent Counsel v. Prince Taylor, SCSL-12-02-A-055, Appellant's Submissions for Appeals Against Conviction and Sentence, 15 March 2013.

CONSIDERING ALSO that in accordance with Rules 19(A) and (C) of the Rules, the President shall co-ordinate the work of the Chambers and shall take all appropriate measures aimed at furthering the conduct of fair, impartial and expeditious trials and appeals;

HEREBY ORDERS that the Bench in contempt case *Independent Counsel v. Prince Taylor*, shall be composed as follows:

Justice Emmanuel Ayoola, Presiding
Justice Renate Winter
Justice Jon Moadeh Kamanda.

Done in The Hague, The Netherlands, this 20th day of March 2013.

Hon. Justice Shireen Avis Fisher,

[Seal of the Special Court for Sierra Leone]

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⁵ Independent Counsel v. Prince Taylor, SCSL-12-02-A-056, Independent Counsel's Urgent Motion for Clarification Regarding The Deadline for Filing Submissions in Response to Appellant's Submissions for Appeals Against Conviction and Sentence, 18 March 2013.