IN THE COURT OF APPEAL OF SIERRA LEONE Mise. App. 9/2004

BETWEEN:

PATRICK KOROMA

Applicant

AND:

SIERRA LEONE HOUSING CORPORATION - DOLCIS BECKLEY

Respondents

CORAM:

Hon Sir John Muria JA Hon, U.H. Tejan-Jalloh JA

HEARING:

1 April 2004

JUDGMENT:

26 May 2004

Advocates:

Appellant:

C.F. Edwards

Respondent: Y.H. Williams

COURT OF APPEAL: Application for stay of execution of judgment – principles applicable – supporting affidavit to demonstrate "special circumstances" justifying grant of stay – the need to balance the interest of a successful party with that of the applicant. Held:

- 1. The principles upon which a stay of execution are well settled in this jurisdiction, that is to say, the applicant must show prima facie good grounds of appeal and that there are special circumstances justifying a stay of execution. These special circumstances must be shown by the supporting affidavit.
- 2. The Court in considering whether to grant a stay or not, will also taken into consideration the need to balance the interest of the successful party with those of the applicant.