

IN THE COURT OF APPEAL OF THE SUPREME COURT OF JUDICATURE

APPELLATE JURISDICTION

Civil Appeal No. 66 of 2021

In the Matter of Articles 60, 161A, 162 and 163 of the Constitution of the Republic of Guyana.



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In the Matter of the Representation of the People Act, Chapter 1:03.

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In the matter of the National Assembly (Validity of Elections) Act, Chapter 1:04.

-and-

In the Matter of the Election Laws (Amendment) Act No. 15 of 2020.

BETWEEN :-

1. CLAUDETTE THORNE
2. HESTON RAYMOND BOSTWICK

Petitioners/ Appellants

-and-

1. KEITH LOWENFIELD, the Chief Election Officer.
2. DAVID GRANGER, Representative of A Partnership for National Unity + Alliance for Change.
3. HORATIO EDMONDSON, Representative of Federal United Party.
4. BHARRAT JAGDEO, Representative of the People's Progressive Party/Civic.
5. JOHN FLORES, Representative of the Liberty and Justice Party.
6. ASHA KISSOON, Representative of The New Movement.
7. VISHNU BANDHU, Representative of United Republican Party.
8. ABEDIN KINDI ALI, Representative of the Change Guyana.



9. PATRICK BOURNE, Representative of the People's Republican Party.
10. JONATHAN YEARWOOD, Representative of the A New United Guyana.
11. SHAZAAM ALLY, Representative of the Citizen Initiative.
12. GERALD PERREIRA, Representative of the Organisation for the Victory of the People.
13. THE ATTORNEY GENERAL OF GUYANA

Respondents/Interveners

CORAM:

THE HONOURABLE MME JUSTICE Y. CUMMINGS-EDWARDS -
CHANCELLOR (AG)

THE HONOURABLE MME JUSTICE D. GREGORY - JUSTICE OF APPEAL

THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE R. PERSAUD - JUSTICE OF APPEAL

DATED THIS 18TH DAY OF DECEMBER, 2023.

ENTERED THIS 2nd DAY OF JANUARY, 2024.

UPON the Notice of Appeal dated and filed on the 31st day of May, 2021, by and on behalf of Appellants, appealing the Order/ decision of the 26th April, 2021 as contained in the judgment of Honourable Madam R. George, Chief Justice (ag.) in High Court Petition No. 88 of 2000.

AND UPON HEARING Mr. R. Forde, SC in association with Mr. J. Jeremie, S.C, Mr. S. Pieters, and Mr. M. Robertson, Attorneys-at-law for the Appellants. Mr. A. Gossai in association with Mr. A. Astaphan, S.C., Attorneys-at-law for the 1st Named Respondent; Mr. B. Williams, S.C., Attorney-at-law for the 2nd Named Respondent; there being no appearance by or for the 3rd Named Respondent, Mr. D. Kissoon in association with Ms. N. Vieira, Mr. R. Dass, Mr. C. Hackett and Mr. D. Mendes, S.C., Attorneys-at-law for the 4th Named Respondent; there being no appearance by or for the 5th Named Respondent; Mr. T. Jonas, S.C., Attorney-at-law for the 6th Named Respondent; Mr. G. Hira, Attorney-at-law for the 7th Named Respondent; there being no appearance by or for the 8th and 9th Named Respondents; Mr. K. Ramkarran, Attorney-at-law for the 10th Named Respondent; Mr. K. Khan in association with Mr. M. Khan, Mr. K. Loakman, Mr. J. Abdool and Mr. I. Alert, Attorneys-at-law for the 11th Named Respondent; there being no appearance by or for the 12th Named Respondent and Ms. P. Kissoon in association

with Ms. R. Clarke, Mr. C. Devonish, Ms. S. Lall, Mr. N. Hawke, Solicitor General and Mr. M. Nandlall, S.C., Attorneys-at-law for the 13th Named Respondent.


IT IS ORDERED that this Appeal be and is hereby dismissed.

AND IT IS ORDERED that the Appellants pay the 1st, 4th, 11th and 13th Named Respondents costs in the sum of \$150,000 each. The other Respondents shall bear their own costs.



BY THE COURT

FOR REGISTRAR

CERTIFIED A TRUE COPY OF THE ORIGINAL

Assistant Sworn Clerk
Date: 2nd Jan, 2024