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| Case Number:   | Environment and Land Case 2B of 2020                                     |
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| Case Class:  | Civil  |
| Court:   | Employment and Labour Relations Court at Meru                            |
| Case Action:   | Judgment   |
| Judge:   | Lucy Ngima Mbugua  |
| Citation:  | Julia Karwirwa Benson v Consolidated Bank (K) Ltd & 2 others [2021] eKLR |
| Advocates:   | -  |
| Case Summary:  | -  |
| Court Division:  | Environment and Land   |
| History Magistrates:   | -  |
| County:  | Meru   |
| Docket Number:   | -  |
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| Case Outcome:  | Application allowed  |
| History County:  | -  |
| Representation By Advocates:   | -  |
| Advocates For:   | -  |
| Advocates Against:   | -  |
| Sum Awarded:   | -  |
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**REPUBLIC OF KENYA**

**IN THE ENVIRONMENT AND LAND COURT AT MERU**

**ELC MISC. NO. 2B OF 2020**

**JULIA KARWIRWA BENSON.....APPLICANT**

**VERSUS**

**CONSOLIDATED BANK (K) LTD.....1<sup>ST</sup> RESPONDENT**

**SAMWEL MWENDA MBOGORI.....2<sup>ND</sup> RESPONDENT**

**MUGA AUCTIONEERS & GENERAL MERCHANTS.....3<sup>RD</sup> RESPONDENT**

**JUDGMENT**

1. Vide an application dated 12.2.2020, the applicant filed this suit seeking extension of time to file an appeal against the ruling of Hon. S. Abuya C.M delivered on 18.12.2019 in Meru CM ELC No. 71 of 2018. He contends that he was only late with one day hence the delay is not inordinate, that he was only supplied with a copy of the ruling on 7.2.2020 and that the delay is excusable and not intentional.

2. On 3.11.2020, the counsel for the respondent addressed the court as follows:

*“I can assure you that the replying affidavit will be filed today and we can file submissions”.*

3. The court granted the respondents their wish and ordered them to file their response by close of business on 3.11.2020. The said order was not complied with, nor was a request made to extend time to file the replying affidavit. In the circumstances, the replying affidavit filed after 3.11.2020 is hereby disregarded. The application is hence unopposed.

4. I find that the applicant has laid a basis for the issuance of the orders sought in the application, See- **Fahim Yasin Twaha vs Timamy Issa Abdalla & 2 others (2015) eKLR**. All in all, I find that the application dated 12.2.2020 is merited and I allow the same in the following terms;

**(1) The applicant is hereby granted leave to file and serve the memorandum of appeal within 14 days from the date of delivery of this judgment failure to which the orders granted herein shall lapse.**

**(2) Each party to bear their own costs of this suit.**

**DATED, SIGNED AND DELIVERED AT MERU THIS 3<sup>RD</sup> DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2021**

**HON. LUCY. N. MBUGUA**

**ELC JUDGE**

**ORDER**

The date of delivery of this Judgment was given to the advocates for the parties through a virtual session via Microsoft teams on 18.11.2020. In light of the declaration of measures restricting court operations due to the *COVID-19 pandemic* and following the

practice directions issued by his Lordship, the Chief Justice dated 17<sup>th</sup> March, 2020 and published in the Kenya Gazette of 17<sup>th</sup> April 2020 as Gazette Notice no.3137, this Judgment has been delivered to the parties by electronic mail. They are deemed to have waived compliance with order 21 rule 1 of the *Civil Procedure Rules* which requires that all judgments and rulings be pronounced in open court.

**HON. LUCY N. MBUGUA**

**ELC JUDGE**



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