

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW ZEALAND

I TE KŌTI MANA NUI O AOTEAROA

SC UR 39/2023  
[2023] NZSC 168

RE

WEI (WALKER) ZHONG AND LEI  
(REGINA) DING  
Applicants

Counsel: Applicants in person

Judgment: 20 December 2023

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**JUDGMENT OF GLAZEBROOK J**

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**The application for review of the decision of the Deputy Registrar declining to waive the filing fee is dismissed.**

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**REASONS**

[1] The applicants filed an application for leave to appeal to this Court against a judgment of Miller J issued on 6 October 2023.<sup>1</sup> They also sought waiver of the filing fee of \$1,100 in this Court on the ground that the applicants would suffer undue financial hardship if they were required to pay the fee.

[2] On 1 November 2023 the Deputy Registrar refused the fee waiver application. He was not satisfied that the criteria set out in reg 5(2) of the Supreme Court Fees Regulations 2003 had been met. He said that, on the information provided, there was no evidence that payment of the required filing fee would cause undue hardship.

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<sup>1</sup> *Zhong v Financial Markets Authority* [2023] NZCA 489.

[3] The applicants seek review of that decision. They attach to their review application documents purportedly from Inland Revenue showing minimal income for the last two years. No other details of their financial position have been provided.

[4] These documents fail to show (by a large margin) that the Deputy Registrar may have been wrong in his conclusion.

[5] The application for review of the decision of the Deputy Registrar declining to waive the filing fee is dismissed.