

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW ZEALAND

I TE KŌTI MANA NUI O AOTEAROA

SC UR 52/2025  
[2025] NZSC 178

RE

RAJENDRA PRASAD  
Applicant

Counsel: Applicant in person

Judgment: 27 November 2025

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JUDGMENT OF WILLIAMS J

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**The application for review of the decision of the Registrar not to accept the application for leave to appeal for filing is dismissed.**

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REASONS

[1] The applicant sought to file an application for leave to “[r]eopen file SC 034/2010” and related proceedings. It is in substance a recall application. The Registrar declined to accept the application for filing.<sup>1</sup> The focus of the application is a leave judgment of this Court made 15 years ago in *Prasad v Indiana Publications (NZ) Ltd*,<sup>2</sup> in which this Court declined leave to appeal from a decision in the Court of Appeal in relation to copyright proceedings.<sup>3</sup>

[2] Mr Prasad made two other applications to recall that decision, the first in 2012 and the second in 2018. Both were declined.<sup>4</sup> This is the third recall application in

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<sup>1</sup> By letter dated 14 October 2025.

<sup>2</sup> *Prasad v Indiana Publications (NZ) Ltd* [2010] NZSC 60 (Blanchard, Tipping and Wilson JJ).

<sup>3</sup> At [4]; and *Indiana Publications (NZ) Ltd v Prasad* [2010] NZCA 111 (Arnold, Panckhurst and Harrison JJ).

<sup>4</sup> *Prasad v Indiana Publications (NZ) Ltd* [2012] NZSC 97 (McGrath, William Young and Glazebrook JJ) at [4]; and *Prasad v Indiana Publications (NZ) Ltd* [2018] NZSC 48 (Elias CJ, William Young and Ellen France JJ) [Second recall judgment] at [3].

relation to that leave decision. In the second of the two recall decisions, this Court directed the Registrar not to accept any further documents on the matter.<sup>5</sup>

[3] As noted, the current application is in substance a further recall application and is therefore caught by this direction. The application raises no new matter and is, in any event, without merit.

[4] The application for review of the decision of the Registrar not to accept the application for leave to appeal for filing is dismissed.

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<sup>5</sup> Second recall judgment, above n 4, at [6].