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Supreme Court Ruling on Microsoft Contract

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On March 3, 2022, Justice Sonya Young struck out an application for judicial review filed by Senator Michael Peyrefitte and the United Democratic Party in connection with the Microsoft contract, awarded by the Government of Belize through tender, to SMART Belize Limited.

Justice Young found that the BZ\$3.4-million-dollar contract awarded to SMART for Microsoft 365 licenses for a period of one year was validly and rationally entered into with the government. Additionally, she noted that the bid was the lowest and that there was no bias or appearance of bias associated therewith. Justice Young further underscored the importance of competition for the benefit of the Belizean people.

The Government of Belize welcomes the ruling delivered by Justice Young and remains steadfast in its commitment to good governance as outlined in Plan Belize.

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