Supreme Court of Florida

ROOSEVELT U. PAULK, Petitioner,

VS.

PALM BEACH COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD and CRAWFORD & COMPANY, Respondents.

No. 92,030 [June 11, 1998]

WELLS, J.

We have for review <u>Palm Beach County</u> <u>School Board v. Paulk</u>, 705 So. 2d 37 (Fla. 1st DCA 1997), certifying the following question to be of great public importance:

> Does the court's decision in Quality Engineered Installation, Inc. v. Higley South, Inc., 670 So. 2d 929 (Fla. 1996), extend to permit the accrual of prejudgment interest on attorney's fees. authorized pursuant to the Workers' Compensation Law, from the date entitlement to the fee is determined, when an amount for same has not yet been established?

<u>Paulk</u>, 705 So. 2d at 37. We have jurisdiction pursuant to article V, section 3(b)(4), Florida Constitution.

In Lee v. Wells Fargo Armored Services, 707 So. 2d 700 (Fla. 1998), we answered this question in the negative and approved the decision of the First District Court of Appeal below. Accordingly, consistent with <u>Lee</u>, we approve <u>Paulk</u> and remand for further proceedings.

It is so ordered.

KOGAN, C.J., OVERTON, SHAW, HARDING and ANSTEAD, JJ., and GRIMES, Senior Justice, concur.

NOT FINAL UNTIL TIME EXPIRES TO FILE REHEARING MOTION AND, IF FILED, DETERMINED.

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