Supreme Court of Florida

No. SC03-1717

JEAN ROBERT GAETAN,

Petitioner,

VS.

GEICO INDEMNITY COMPANY,

Respondent.

No. SC04-1364

SHIRLEY SCHWARTZ, etc.,

Petitioner,

VS.

USAA CASUALTY INSURANCE COMPANY,

Respondent.

No. SC04-2432

DANILO GARRIDO,

Petitioner,

VS.

VICTORIA FIRE & CASUALTY COMPANY,

Respondent.

[September 1, 2005]

PER CURIAM.

We have for review Gaetan v. GEICO Indemnity Co., 854 So. 2d 214 (Fla. 3d DCA 2003), and Schwartz v. USAA Casualty Insurance Co., 877 So. 2d 949 (Fla. 4th DCA 2004), both of which cite to a case that was pending review in this Court (Malu v. Security National Insurance Co., 848 So. 2d 373 (Fla. 4th DCA 2003), review granted, 870 So. 2d 822 (Fla. 2004)). We also have for review Garrido v. Victoria Fire & Casualty Co., 889 So. 2d 141 (Fla. 3d DCA 2004), which likewise cites to a related case that was pending review in this Court (Padilla v. Liberty Mutual Insurance Co., 870 So. 2d 827 (Fla. 3d DCA 2003), review granted, 870 So. 2d 822 (Fla. 2004)), and certifies conflict with Hunter v. Allstate Insurance Co., 498 So. 2d 514 (Fla. 5th DCA 1986). We have jurisdiction. See

art. V, § 3(b)(3)-(4), Fla. Const.; <u>Jollie v. State</u>, 405 So. 2d 418 (Fla. 1981). We consolidate Gaetan, Schwartz, and Garrido for purposes of this opinion.

This Court recently approved <u>Hunter</u> and quashed both <u>Malu</u> and <u>Padilla</u>.

See <u>Malu v. Sec. Nat'l Ins. Co.</u>, 898 So. 2d 69 (Fla. 2005). Accordingly, and upon review of the parties' various responses or lack thereof to this Court's orders to show cause that were issued on May 5, 2005, in <u>Gaetan</u>, <u>Schwartz</u>, and <u>Garrido</u>, the Court has determined that it should accept jurisdiction in those three cases. It is thus ordered that the petitions for review in <u>Gaetan</u>, <u>Schwartz</u>, and <u>Garrido</u> are granted; that those three decisions are quashed; and that those matters are remanded for reconsideration in light of this Court's decision in <u>Malu</u>. No motion for rehearing will be entertained by this Court.

It is so ordered.

PARIENTE, C.J., and WELLS, ANSTEAD, LEWIS, QUINCE, CANTERO, and BELL, JJ., concur.

NO MOTION FOR REHEARING WILL BE ALLOWED.

Three Cases Consolidated:

SC03-1717

Application for Review of the Decision of the District Court of Appeal - Direct Conflict of Decisions

Third District - Case No. 3D02-2016

(Dade County)

Diane H. Tutt, Plantation, Florida,

for Petitioner

Joey E. Schlosberg and Frank A. Zacherl of Shutts and Bowen, LLP, Miami, Florida,

for Respondent

SC04-1364

Application for Review of the Decision of the District Court of Appeal - Direct Conflict of Decisions

Fourth District - Case No. 4D03-3139

(Palm Beach County)

Edward H. Zebersky of Zebersky and Payne, Hollywood, Florida and John G. Crabtree, Key Biscayne, Florida,

for Petitioner

Jeffrey R. Fuller of Brasfield, Fuller, Freeman and O'Hern, P.A., St. Petersburg, Florida,

for Respondent

SC04-2432

Application for Review of the Decision of the District Court of Appeal - Direct Conflict of Decisions

Third District - Case No. 3D04-888

(Dade County)

Carlos Lidsky of Lidsky, Vaccaro and Montes, P.A., Hialeah, Florida,

for Petitioner

Daniel C. Brown of Carlton Fields, P.A., Tallahassee, Florida,

for Respondent