

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF APPEAL OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA
FIFTH DISTRICT

NOT FINAL UNTIL TIME EXPIRES TO
FILE MOTION FOR REHEARING AND
DISPOSITION THEREOF IF FILED

STATE FARM FLORIDA INSURANCE COMPANY,

Petitioner,

v.

Case No. 5D19-2291

CATHERINE CADET,

Respondent.

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Opinion filed February 21, 2020

Petition for Certiorari Review of Order
from the Circuit Court for Brevard County,
George T. Paulk, Judge.

Robert A. Kingsford, Lynn S. Alfano, and
Christopher J. Goodrum, of Alfano
Kingsford, P.A., Maitland; Kara
Rockenbach Link, and David A. Noel, of
Link & Rockenbach, PA, West Palm
Beach, for Petitioner.

Matthew G. Struble and Christine Skubala,
of Struble, P.A., Fort Lauderdale, for
Respondent.

PER CURIAM.

In this first-tier certiorari proceeding, State Farm Florida Insurance Company asks this Court to quash the trial court's order, which authorized its insured's public adjuster, who is entitled to a contingency fee from any recovered insurance proceeds, to serve as a "disinterested appraiser" under the insurance contract's alternative dispute resolution

provision. We recently addressed this identical issue, determining that an insured's public adjuster could not act as a disinterested appraiser in these circumstances. State Farm Fla. Ins. v. Crispin, 45 Fla. L. Weekly D288 (Fla. 5th DCA Feb. 7, 2020). As such, we quash the trial court's order. See also State Farm Fla. Ins. v. Valenti, 285 So. 3d 958 (Fla. 4th DCA 2019); State Farm Fla. Ins. v. Sanders, 44 Fla. L. Weekly D1901 (Fla. 3d DCA July 24, 2019); Fla. Ins. Guar. Ass'n v. Branco, 148 So. 3d 488, 490 (Fla. 5th DCA 2014).

CERTIORARI GRANTED; ORDER QUASHED.

ORFINGER, COHEN and EDWARDS, JJ., concur.