

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

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DISPOSITION THEREOF IF FILED

STATE FARM FLORIDA INSURANCE COMPANY,

Appellant,

v.

Case No. 5D19-1782

BILLIE THOMPSON,

Appellee.

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Opinion filed March 6, 2020

Appeal from the Circuit Court  
for Brevard County,  
Charles J. Roberts, Judge.

Kara Rockenbach Link and Daniel M.  
Schwarz, of Link & Rockenbach, PA, West  
Palm Beach, and Frank H. Killgore, Jr. and  
M. Megan Fuller, of Killgore Pearlman  
Semanie Denius & Squires, P.A., Orlando,  
for Appellant.

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

PER CURIAM.

State Farm Florida Insurance Company appeals the trial court's final summary judgment rendered in favor of its insured, Billie Thompson, in the declaratory relief action filed by her. The sole issue presented in this appeal is identical to the issue that this court

recently addressed in *State Farm Florida Insurance Co. v. Crispin*, 45 Fla. L. Weekly D288 (Fla. 5th DCA Feb. 7, 2020), namely—“whether an insured’s public adjuster who is entitled to a contingency fee of insurance proceeds recovered may serve as a ‘disinterested appraiser’ as required by an insurance contract’s alternative dispute resolution process.” Our answer to the question in that case was no.

Accordingly, based on our decision in *Crispin*,<sup>1</sup> we reverse the final summary judgment entered in this case.

REVERSED.

COHEN, WALLIS, and LAMBERT, JJ., concur.

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<sup>1</sup> In light of *Crispin*, Thompson’s counsel has professionally conceded error.