

MICHIGAN SUPREME COURT

**Insurance Institute of Michigan v. Commissioner, Financial &
Insurance Services, Department of Labor & Economic Growth**

Insurance Institute of Michigan · No. SC: 137400; SC: 137407; COA: 262385; Barry CC: 05-000156-CZ ·

Decided May 7, 2009

SUMMARY

The Michigan Supreme Court granted applications for leave to appeal from an August 21, 2008 Court of Appeals judgment concerning challenges to administrative insurance rules. The Court identified issues involving declaratory relief, statutory judicial-review procedures, the scope of the administrative record, and the validity, constitutionality, and rulemaking authority underlying the challenged rules, and granted expedited consideration.

OPINION

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PER CURIAM.

Order Michigan Supreme Court Lansing, Michigan May 7, 2009 Marilyn Kelly, Chief Justice
137400 Michael F. Cavanagh 137407 Elizabeth A. Weaver Maura D. Corrigan Robert P. Young,
Jr. INSURANCE INSTITUTE OF MICHIGAN, Stephen J. Markman HASTINGS MUTUAL
INSURANCE Diane M. Hathaway, COMPANY, FARM BUREAU GENERAL Justices

INSURANCE COMPANY, FRANKENMUTH

CASUALTY INSURANCE, WALTER

STAFFORD, JR., and MICHAEL FLOHR,

Plaintiffs-Appellees, and

MICHIGAN INSURANCE COALITION and

CITIZENS INSURANCE COMPANY OF

AMERICA,

Intervening Plaintiffs-Appellees, v SC: 137400

COA: 262385

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COMMISSIONER, FINANCIAL & INSURANCE

SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF LABOR &

ECONOMIC GROWTH,

Defendant-Appellant. _____/

INSURANCE INSTITUTE OF MICHIGAN,

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COMPANY, FARM BUREAU GENERAL
INSURANCE COMPANY, FRANKENMUTH
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COMMISSIONER, FINANCIAL & INSURANCE
SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF LABOR &
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Defendant-Appellee. _____/ On order of the Court,
the applications for leave to appeal the August 21, 2008 judgment of the Court of Appeals are
considered, and they are GRANTED. The parties shall include among the issues to be briefed: (1)
whether, under § 64 of the Administrative Procedures Act, MCL 24.264, the plaintiffs were
permitted to bring an original declaratory judgment action in the circuit court without having first
requested a declaratory ruling from the defendant; (2) whether § 244(1) of the Insurance Code,
MCL 500.244(1), provides the exclusive means of seeking judicial review of rules promulgated by
the defendant; (3) whether judicial review of the challenged administrative rules was limited to the
administrative record prepared during the public hearing process, see § 104(3) of the APA, MCL
24.304(3), and Michigan Assoc of Home Builders v Michigan Dep't of Labor and Economic
Growth, 481 Mich 496 (2008); and (4) whether the challenged administrative rules (a) violated the
plaintiffs' due process rights, (b) were valid and enforceable under the Insurance Code, (c) were
arbitrary and capricious, or (d) exceeded defendant's rulemaking authority. The motion for
expedited consideration is considered, and it is GRANTED. The Clerk of the Court is directed to
place this case on the October 2009 session calendar for argument and submission. The Insurance
and Indemnity Law Section of the State Bar of Michigan, the American Insurance Association, the
Michigan Consumer Federation, and the National Consumer Law Center are invited to file briefs
amicus curiae. Other persons or groups interested in the determination of the issues presented in
this case may move the Court for permission to file briefs amicus curiae. I, Corbin R. Davis, Clerk
of the Michigan Supreme Court, certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of the order
entered at the direction of the Court. May 7, 2009

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