

**IN THE SUPREME COURT OF FLORIDA**

Case No.: SC21-172

JON DOUGLAS PARRISH,

Petitioner,

v.

STATE FARM FLORIDA  
INSRUANCE COMPANY,

Respondent.

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**FLORIDA DEFENSE LAWYERS ASSOCIATION'S**  
**MOTION FOR LEAVE TO APPEAR AS AMICUS CURIAE**  
**IN SUPPORT OF RESPONDENT**

Pursuant to Florida Rule of Appellate Procedure 9.370, the FLORIDA DEFENSE LAWYERS ASSOCIATION (“FDLA”) hereby moves this Honorable Court for leave to file an Amicus Brief in support of the Respondent State Farm and in support states as follows:

1. FDLA is a statewide organization of civil defense attorneys and consists of more than 1,200 members.

2. FDLA maintains an active amicus curiae program in which members donate their time and skills to submit briefs in important cases pending in Florida state and federal appellate courts. These cases involve

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significant legal issues with statewide impact on tort and insurance matters and trial procedure.

3. This case carries statewide importance as it addresses whether a public adjuster constitutes a disinterested appraiser. A decision will affect numerous types of first-party actions against insurance companies in Florida, such as commercial and homeowner claims, automobile glass, and automobile property damage.

4. The FDLA is uniquely situated to provide this Court with input as its members routinely defend insurance companies in first party property actions, such as this.

5. FDLA also appeared as amicus curiae in State Farm Ins. Co. v. Sanders, Case No. SC20-596, which was dismissed by this Court.

6. FDLA hereby gives notice of its intent to appear as amicus curiae in support of the Respondent State Farm.

7. FDLA hereby requests that it be permitted to file an amicus brief in support of the position of the Respondent State Farm.

8. Kansas R. Gooden of Boyd & Jenerette, PA will be drafting the amicus brief on behalf of the FDLA.

9. The undersigned has contacted counsels for all parties. The undersigned is authorized to represent that the parties do not have any

objections to FDLA's appearance as an amicus curiae.

WHEREFORE, FLORIDA DEFENSE LAWYERS ASSOCIATION hereby requests that this Court enter an order permitting it to appear as amicus curiae and to file an amicus brief in support of Respondent State Farm in this matter.

## CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

WE HEREBY CERTIFY that a copy of the foregoing served through the EPORTAL to: **Mark A. Boyle, Esq.** ([mboyle@insurance-counsel.com](mailto:mboyle@insurance-counsel.com); [eservice@insurance-counsel.com](mailto:eservice@insurance-counsel.com)), Boyle, Leonard & Anderson, P.A., 9111 W. College Pointe Drive, Fort Meyers, FL 33919; **Lynn S. Alfano, Esq.** and **Robert A. Kingsford,** ([lalfano@alfanokingsford.com](mailto:lalfano@alfanokingsford.com); [pleadings@alfanokingsford.com](mailto:pleadings@alfanokingsford.com)), Alfano Kingsford, P.A., 1060 Maitland Center Commons Blvd., Suite 180, Maitland, FL 32751; **Kara B. Rockenbach, Esq.** and **Daniel Schwartz, Esq.** ([kara@linkrocklaw.com](mailto:kara@linkrocklaw.com); [daniel@linkrocklaw.com](mailto:daniel@linkrocklaw.com); [troy@linkrocklaw.com](mailto:troy@linkrocklaw.com)), Link & Rockenbach, P.A., 1555 Palm Beach Lakes, Blvd., Suite 930, West Palm Beach, FL 33401; this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of February, 2022.

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