

JEWETT ET AL., APPELLEES, v. OWNERS INSURANCE COMPANY ET AL., APPELLANTS.

[Cite as *Jewett v. Owners Ins. Co.* (1998), 82 Ohio St.3d 1224.]

Appeal dismissed as improvidently allowed.

(No. 97-2282 — Submitted June 24, 1998 — Decided July 22, 1998.)

APPEAL from the Court of Appeals for Licking County, No. 97-CA-24.

Plymale & Associates and *Andrew W. Cecil*, for appellees.

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The appeal is dismissed, *sua sponte*, as having been improvidently allowed.

MOYER, C.J., DOUGLAS, RESNICK, F.E. SWEENEY and PFEIFER, JJ., concur.

COOK and LUNDBERG STRATTON, JJ., dissent.

COOK, J., dissenting. I respectfully dissent from the decision to dismiss this case as improvidently allowed. This decision is inconsistent with the majority opinion rendered in *Ross v. Farmers Ins. Group of Cos.* (1998), 82 Ohio St.3d 281, 695 N.E.2d 732, and today's decision to order briefing in *Hillyer v. Great Am. Ins. Co.* (1998), 82 Ohio St.3d 1224, 696 N.E.2d 598. For the sake of consistency, we should set this case for briefing on the *Ross* issue as we have done in *Hillyer*.

We held this case for *Ross* on the issue of whether to apply the current version of R.C. 3937.18, or the former version of that statute as interpreted in *Savoie v. Grange Mut. Ins. Co.* (1993), 67 Ohio St.3d 500, 620 N.E.2d 809. Although the potentially applicable divisions of former and current R.C. 3937.18 are different in the two cases, the core legal issue is the same — what version of R.C. 3937.18 applies? Despite holding in *Ross* that the date of contracting

determines which version of R.C. 3937.18 applies, the majority nevertheless lets stand the *Jewett* court's ruling, applying the law in effect on the accident date. I believe that the parties to this case should have the same opportunity given the *Hillyer* litigants to argue whether the rule in *Ross* also controls their situation and, if not, what rule should control. Therefore, I must respectfully dissent.

LUNDBERG STRATTON, J., concurs in the foregoing dissenting opinion.