

Patricia Thompson v. Liberty Mutual Fire Insurance Company

Held October 30, 2014 – Docket No. INS-14-2112

Decision Issued: December 2, 2014

The named insured requested a hearing to contest the nonrenewal of her homeowners policy due to her failure to comply with the company's request to inspect the property. The company demonstrated that several attempts to schedule an interior inspection were refused.

Held: For the company. 24-A M.R.S. § 3051 allows nonrenewal of a policy for a reason in good faith and related to the insurability of the property. The company established concerns regarding the condition of the property as a result of a claim. The claim photos alone did not provide all the information it needed. An insurer assumes the financial risk of the homeowner by providing coverage on the home as well as liability coverage for hazards associated with the premises, and is therefore entitled to examine the exposure incurred. Accordingly, the nonrenewal was permitted.