CFC Real Estate Holdings LLC v. Patrons Oxford Insurance Company

Held: March 3, 2020 Decision Issued: April 2, 2020 Docket Number: INS-20-2004

The insured requested a hearing to contest the cancellation of a commercial property policy. The company cited substantial risk-increasing changes on several covered properties as the basis for cancellation.

Held: For the insured. 24-A M.R.S. §3007(2)(C) allows cancellation of a commercial property policy for a substantial change in the risk that increases the risk of loss after the coverage has been issued or renewed. The company failed to establish the condition of any of the properties in question at the time the policy renewed and, as a result, could not prove that the condition of any of those properties subsequently changed. Accordingly, the cancellation action is not permitted.