## STATE OF LOUISIANA COURT OF APPEAL, FIRST CIRCUIT

MICHAEL DAVID LAWRENCE, JR., INDIVIDUALLY AND AS ADMINISTRATOR OF THE ESTATES OF HIS UNEMANCIPATED MINOR CHILDREN, MICHAEL D. LAWRENCE III, ZEKE LAWRENCE, AND DEGAN LAWRENCE; SUMMER LAWRENCE, INDIVIDUALLY; AND MICHAEL DAVID LAWRENCE, JR. AND SUMMER LAWRENCE AS PERSONS HAVING PARENTAL AUTHORITY OVER THEIR UNEMANCIPATED MINOR CHILDREN, MICHAEL D. LAWRENCE III, ZEKE LAWRENCE, AND DEGAN LAWRENCE

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VERSUS

KALIN GLEN MCKENZIE, ET AL

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KALIN MCKENZIE, PROGRESSIVE INSURANCE, MICHAEL LAWRENCE, HEAVY MACHINES, INC., AND TRAVELERS INDEMNITY NOV 3 0 2018

In Re:

Michael D. Lawrence, Jr. and Summer Lawrence, individually and as persons having parental authority over their unemanciated minor children, Zeke Lawrence and Degan Lawrence; and Michael D. Lawrence, III, applying for supervisory writs, 21st Judicial District Court, Parish of Tangipahoa, No. 2013-0002165 c/w 2013-0002590.

BEFORE: McDONALD, CRAIN, AND HOLDRIDGE, JJ.

WRIT DENIED.

WJC GH

McDonald, J., dissents and would grant the writ. Although the uninsured/underinsured motorist insurer is entitled to a credit for the amount of benefits paid by Michael Lawrence, Jr.'s employer's workers' compensation insurer, the plaintiffs are entitled to seek recovery of the total amount of medical bills incurred without regard to any reduction made pursuant to the Louisiana Workers' Compensation Act. See Bellard v. American Century Insurance Co., 2007-1335 & 2007-1399 (La. 4/18/08), 980 So.2d 654; Cutsinger v. Redfern, 2008-2607 (La. 5/22/09),

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12 So.3d 945; and La. R.S. 23:1101(A). Therefore, I find the trial court erred in denying this portion of the plaintiffs' motion for partial summary judgment. Accordingly, I would grant the plaintiffs' motion for partial summary judgment, in part, finding the plaintiffs are entitled to seek recovery of the total amount of medical bills incurred without regard to any reduction made pursuant to the Louisiana Workers' Compensation Act, subject to the credit to be given to the underinsured/uninsured motorist insurer pursuant to Bellard v. American Century Insurance Co., 2007-1335 & 2007-1399 (La. 4/18/08), 980 So.2d 654.

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