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RICKER, APPELLANT, v. JOHN DEERE INSURANCE COMPANY ET AL., APPELLEES.

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Appeal dismissed as improvidently allowed.

(No. 98-2439 — Submitted January 11, 2000 — Decided March 29, 2000.)

APPEAL from the Court of Appeals for Franklin County, No. 97APE11-1505.

Law Offices of Russell A. Kelm, Russell A. Kelm and Joanne Weber Detrick,
for appellant.

Arter & Hadden, L.L.P., David C. Patterson, Gary S. Batke and Robert R. Dunn, for appellees.

Spater, Gittes, Schulte & Kolman, Frederick M. Gittes and Kathaleen B. Schulte; and *Louis A. Jacobs,* urging reversal for *amici curiae*, American Association of Retired People, Ohio Now Education and Legal Fund, Ohio Civil Rights Coalition, Ohio Fair Housing Congress, Metropolitan Strategy Group of Cleveland, National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, Columbus Chapter, Committee Against Sexual Harassment, and Ohio Employment Lawyers Association.

Murray & Murray Co., L.P.A., Charles M. Murray and Patrick G. Warner, urging reversal for *amicus curiae*, Ohio Academy of Trial Lawyers.

Betty D. Montgomery, Attorney General, *Edward B. Foley*, State Solicitor, *pro hac vice*, *Matthew D. Miko* and *Duffy Jamieson*, Assistant Attorneys General, for *amicus curiae*, Ohio Civil Rights Commission.

Porter, Wright, Morris & Arthur, *Bradd N. Siegel* and *Kevin E. Griffith*; and *Thomas L. Froehle*, urging affirmance for *amicus curiae*, Ohio Manufacturers' Association.

Jones, Day, Reavis & Pogue, *Steven T. Catlett*, *Matthew W. Lampe*, *Jeffrey S. Sutton* and *Marla D. Clark*, urging affirmance for *amicus curiae*, Ohio Chamber of Commerce.

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

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