SUPREME COURT OF WISCONSIN

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Case No.:
                96-2893, 96-2895, 96-2916, 96-2917,
                96-2937, 96-2938, 96-2939
Complete Title
of Case:
                96-2893:
                Erika Eneman and Amy Nadler,
                     Plaintiffs-Appellants-Petitioners
                     v.
                Pat Richter, Susan Riseling, David Williams,
                     Defendants-Respondents.
                Per Mar Security & Research, Oxford Health Plans
                (Connecticut), Inc.,
                     Defendants.
                96-2895:
                Tara L. Harrison, Gary Harrison and Louise
                Harrison,
                     Plaintiffs-Appellants-Petitioners,
                Pat Richter, Mike Green and Susan Riseling,
                     Defendants-Respondents,
                Per Mar Secuirty & Research, Cigna Health Care,
                     Defendants,
                David Williams,
                     Defendant-Respondent,
                Struck & Irwin Fence, Inc., XYZ Insurance Corp.,
                     Defendants.
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                96-2916:
                Alyson J. Berowitz and Stephen S. Berowitz,
                     Plaintiffs-Appellants-Petitioners,
                     v.
                Pat Richter, Mike Green and Susan Riseling,
                     Defendants-Respondents,
                Per Mar Security & Research,
                     Defendant,
                David Williams,
                     Defendant-Respondent,
                Struck & Irwin Fence, Inc., XYZ Insurance Corp.,
                     Defendants
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                96-2917:
                Rebecca S. Levin, David P. Levine and The
                Guardian Life Insurance Company of America,
                     Plaintiffs-Appellants-Petitioners,
                     v.
                Pat Richter, Mike Green and Susan Riseling,
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Defendants-Respondents,

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Per Mar Security & Research,
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David Williams,
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Struck & Irwin Fence, Inc. and XYZ Insurance
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96-2937:
Susan K. Roemer,
    Plaintiff-Appellant-Petitioner,
Blue Cross & Blue Shield United of WI,
     Involuntary-Plaintiff,
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     Defendant-Respondent,
David Williams,
     Defendant,
Patrick Richter,
     Defendant-Respondent,
Michael Green,
     Defendant,
David Ward,
     Defendant-Respondent,
UW-Madison, Per Mar Security & Research and
Struck & Irwin Fence, Inc.,
    Defendants.
96-2938:
Stephanie M. Kaplan,
    Plaintiff-Appellant-Petitioner,
John Alden Life Insurance Company, a foreign
insurance corporation,
     Involuntary-Plaintiff,
     V.
Susan Riseling,
     Defendant-Respondent,
David Williams,
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Patrick Richter,
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David Ward,
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96-2939:
Adam P. Read,
    Plaintiff-Appellant-Petitioner,
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JUSTICES:

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Dissented:

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REVIEW of a decision of the Court of Appeals. Affirmed.

¶1 PER CURIAM. The court is equally divided on whether to affirm or reverse the decision of the court of appeals. Justice Donald W. Steinmetz, Justice William A. Bablitch, and Justice Jon P. Wilcox would affirm; Justice Ann Walsh Bradley, Justice N. Patrick Crooks, and Justice David T. Prosser would reverse. Chief Justice Shirley S. Abrahamson did not participate.

 $\P 2$ Accordingly, the decision of the court of appeals is affirmed.