

STATE OF MAINE
KENNEBEC, ss.

SUPERIOR COURT
CIVIL ACTION
DOCKET NO. CV-05-214
SKS-K91-2/14/06

CONCORD GENERAL MUTUAL
INSURANCE COMPANY,

Plaintiff

v.

**DECISION ON MOTION
TO DISMISS**

MARK J. CASTELLANO,

Defendant

This matter comes before the court on the defendant's motion to dismiss the complaint pursuant to M.R. Civ. P. 12(b)(2) for lack of jurisdiction over the person.¹ Finding no jurisdiction, the motion will be granted.

Background

For purposes of the motion to dismiss, the court will consider all of the allegations in the complaint as true. This litigation arises out of a motor vehicle accident which occurred on May 1, 2003, in Fort Myers, Florida. Involved as drivers in that accident were one Theodore Carter, a Maine resident, and Mark Castellano, a Florida resident. As a result of the accident, Castellano filed suit in Florida against Carter seeking bodily injury damages. Also named as a defendant in the litigation was Concord General Mutual Insurance Company, as a potential source for payment of any judgment against Mr. Carter. There is no indication any where in the complaint that Mark Castellano has had any connection whatsoever with the State of Maine other than the fact that the driver of the other vehicle in the accident happened to be a Maine resident. There is no indication that Mr. Castellano has ever been in the State of Maine,

¹ The motion was mistakenly identified as being brought pursuant to Rule 12(b)(6).


entered into contracts in the State or with Maine residents, or has any minimal contacts with the State. Nor has the plaintiff in the wake of the motion to dismiss filed any motion to amend the complaint to include any minimal contacts that would provide personal jurisdiction.

Maine has a liberal Long Arm Statute (14 M.R.S.A. § 704-A) which allows finding of personal jurisdiction in virtually any situation that honors constitutional Due Process. However, even under the most expansive statement of jurisdiction, there can be no finding of personal jurisdiction over Mr. Castellano in this case and continued litigation in Maine would violate his due process.

The entry will be:

Motion GRANTED and complaint ORDERED DISMISSED.

Dated: February 14, 2006



S. Kirk Studstrup
Justice, Superior Court

CONCORD GENERAL MUTUAL INSURANCE COMPANY - PLAINTIFF

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