

APPENDIX A

PHILIP MORRIS USA INC., Appellant,

v.

Vickie MCKEEVER, as Personal Representative of the Estate of Theodore McKeever, Appellee.

No. 4D15-2493

District Court of Appeal of Florida, Fourth District.

[January 4, 2017]

Appeal from the Circuit Court for the Seventeenth Judicial Circuit, Broward County; John J. Murphy III, Judge; L.T. Case No. 2010CV037561 (19).

Geoffrey J. Michael of Arnold & Porter LLP, Washington, DC, and Geri Howell of Shook, Hardy & Bacon LLP, Miami, for appellant.

John S. Mills and Courtney Brewer of The Mills Firm, P.A., Tallahassee, and Robert W. Kelley, Todd R. McPharlin and Eric S. Rosen of Kelley Uustal, PLC, Fort Lauderdale, for appellee.

Per Curiam.

In this *Engle* ¹ progeny case that was tried as a survival action, Philip Morris USA, Inc., appeals a final judgment awarding Vickie McKeever, the personal representative of the estate of her late husband, Theodore McKeever, \$5,798,170.45 in compensatory damages (including \$2 million for loss of consortium) and \$11,625,000 in punitive damages. We affirm on all issues except appellant's argument that it is entitled to a reduction in the compensatory damages award in proportion to Mr. McKeever's share of fault. On this issue, we reverse. *See R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Co. v. Schoeff*, 178 So.3d 487 (Fla. 4th DCA 2015), *rev. granted*, No. SC15–2233, 2016 WL 3127698 (Fla. 2016).

We also briefly address appellant's due process and preemption arguments. As appellant acknowledges, there is binding case law rejecting appellant's arguments that due process precluded giving the *Engle* findings preclusive effect and that the plaintiff's strict liability and negligence claims were preempted by federal law. *See Philip Morris USA, Inc., v. Douglas*, 110 So.3d 419 (Fla. 2013); *R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Co. v. Marotta*, 182 So.3d 829 (Fla. 4th DCA 2016), *rev. granted*, No. SC16–218, 2016 WL 934971 (Fla. 2016). We affirm on these issues, but note that appellant wishes to preserve these arguments for possible further review.

Affirmed in part and Reversed in part.

Taylor, Levine and Conner, JJ., concur.

¹ Engle v. Liggett Group, Inc., 945 So.2d 1246 (Fla. 2006).

APPENDIX B

Supreme Court of Florida

MONDAY, JUNE 25, 2018

CASE NO.: SC17-160 Lower Tribunal No(s).: 4D15-2493;

062010CA037561AXXXCE

PHILIP MORRIS USA, vs. VICKIE INC. MCKEEVER, ETC.

Petitioner(s)

Respondent(s)

This Court declines to exercise jurisdiction in this case because *R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Co. v. Marotta*, 214 So. 3d 590 (Fla. 2017), and *Schoeff v. R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Co.*, 232 So. 3d 294 (Fla. 2017), are controlling.

No motion for rehearing will be entertained by the Court. *See* Fla. R. App. P. 9.330(d)(2).

It is so ordered.

LABARGA, C.J., and PARIENTE, LEWIS, QUINCE, CANADY, POLSTON, and LAWSON, JJ., concur.

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<u>/s/ John A. Tomasino</u> John A. Tomasino Clerk, Supreme Court



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APPENDIX C

Supreme Court of Florida

MONDAY, JUNE 25, 2018

CASE NO.: SC17-198 Lower Tribunal No(s).: 4D15-2493;

062010CA037561AXXXCE

VICKIE MCKEEVER, vs. PHILIP MORRIS ETC. USA, INC.

Petitioner(s)

Respondent(s)

This Court declines to exercise jurisdiction in this case because *R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Co. v. Marotta*, 214 So. 3d 590 (Fla. 2017), and *Schoeff v. R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Co.*, 232 So. 3d 294 (Fla. 2017), are controlling.

No motion for rehearing will be entertained by the Court. *See* Fla. R. App. P. 9.330(d)(2).

It is so ordered.

LABARGA, C.J., and PARIENTE, LEWIS, QUINCE, CANADY, POLSTON, and LAWSON, JJ., concur.

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APPENDIX D

Supreme Court of Florida

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2018

CASE NO.: SC17-198 Lower Tribunal No(s).: 4D15-2493; 062010CA037561AXXXCE

VICKIE MCKEEVER, vs. PHILIP MORRIS ETC. USA, INC.

Petitioner(s)

Respondent(s)

The motion for rehearing is hereby granted. This Court accepts jurisdiction in this case, summarily quashes the decision under review, and remands to the Fourth District Court of Appeal with instructions that this case be further remanded for the reinstatement of the jury verdict in light of our decision in *Schoeff v. R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Co.*, 232 So. 3d 294 (Fla. 2017).

It is so ordered.

CANADY, C.J., and PARIENTE, LEWIS, QUINCE, POLSTON, LABARGA, and LAWSON, JJ., concur.

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