

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
MIDDLE DISTRICT OF FLORIDA  
FORT MYERS DIVISION

PRUCO LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY,

Plaintiff,

v.

Case No: 2:18-cv-546-FtM-38MRM

SHANE FEDERICI, DOUGLAS  
VANE, BARBARA ANN HANCOCK,  
IAN HATHAWAY and  
CHRISTOPHER VANE,

Defendants.

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**ORDER**<sup>1</sup>

Before the Court is the parties' Joint Motion to Dismiss with Prejudice ([Doc. 63](#)). This is an interpleader action, and Plaintiff Pruco Life Insurance Company deposited the contested funds into the Court's registry. Now, Pruco seeks dismissal with prejudice and reasonable attorney's fees. All parties consent to Pruco's dismissal and entitlement to attorney's fees. ([Docs. 63; 69](#)). And dismissals are commonly granted in interpleader cases after an insurer deposits the contested funds into the registry. *E.g.*, [Podhurst Orseck, P.A. v. Servicios Legales de Mesoamerica S. de R.L.](#), 699 F. Supp. 2d 1344, 1349 (S.D. Fla. 2010). The Court grants the Joint Motion to Dismiss with prejudice ([Doc.](#)

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63) along with reasonable attorney's fees of \$10,000.00. The case remains open as the Defendants litigate their claims over the remaining funds in the Court's registry.

Accordingly, it is now

**ORDERED:**

1. The parties' Joint Motion to Dismiss (Doc. 63) is **GRANTED**. Pruco is **DISMISSED** from this action with prejudice.
2. The Clerk is **DIRECTED** to disperse funds amounting to \$10,000.00 from the Court's registry payable to Pruco Life Insurance Company by mailing payment to its counsel of record.
3. The case remains open while the Defendants litigate their competing claims to the remaining funds in the Court's registry.

**DONE** and **ORDERED** in Fort Myers, Florida this 26th day of February, 2019.

  
SHERI POLSTER CHAPPELL  
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

Copies: All Parties of Record