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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON

Kenneth Wren & Alice Wren, et al.

Petitioners,

VS.

David G. Whitehead, individually;

Respondent,

Stanford and Sons, LLC, a Washington limited liability company; Herbert L. Whitehead, III, Jennifer L. Whitehead, et al.

Appealed from Pierce County Superior Court Case No. 20-2-04347-3

RESPONDENT DAVID "GAGE" WHITEHEAD'S RESPONSE TO AMICUS CURIAE BRIEF

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I. RESPONSE

The Commercial Law Amicus Initiative ("CLAI") agrees that there is an exception and Article 9 does not apply to a consignment if the consignee is generally known by its creditors to be substantially engaged in selling the goods of others. *See* Amicus Brief at pg. 6. However, the CLAI claims that the lower courts misapplied this exception by focusing on what a single creditor (Wren) knew, as opposed to what all of Stanford and Sons' creditors knew. The major problem with the CLAI's position is there was only one secured creditor of Stanford and Sons—and that was Wren. Thus, there was no error in the manner in which the trial court or the Court of Appeals applied the law here.

At the trial court level, there was no discussion or evidence presented about any other secured creditor except for Wren. Similarly, in the Appellate Court Opinion, there was only a discussion of one secured creditor—Wren. Stanford and Sons took out two secured loans from Wren to fund its operations.

Notably, the CLAI does not even identify who the other secured creditor(s) is/are—namely because they do not exist.

It should also be noted Wren never, at the trial court or appellate court level, made the argument that the CLAI now makes. Arguments not raised at the trial court level will not be considered on appeal. RAP 2.5(a); *Wingert v. Yellow Freight Sys., Inc.*, 146 Wn.2d 841, 853, 50 P.3d 256 (2002). Thus, there is no reason for this Court to entertain the arguments that the CLAI now advances.

A reading of the unpublished opinion of the Appellate Court does not lead to a misapplication of the law. The trial court and Appellate Court properly applied the law to the facts of this case.

I hereby certify that, pursuant to RAP 18.7, there are 297 words contained in this document.

DATED this 27th day of May 2025.

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