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UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS FOR THE FEDERAL CIRCUIT

ROBERT JACOBSEN, Plaintiff-Appellant,

V.

MATTHEW KATZER and KAMIND ASSOCIATES, INC. (doing business as KAM Industries), Defendants-Appellees.

APPEAL FROM THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA IN CV-06-01905, JUDGE JEFFREY S. WHITE

RESPONSE TO JACOBSEN'S POST-ARGUMENT CITATION OF SUPPLEMENTAL AUTHORITIES

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RESPONSE TO JACOBSEN'S POST-ARGUMENT CITATION OF SUPPLEMENTAL AUTHORITIES

Pursuant to Federal Rule of Appellate Procedure 28(j) and Federal Circuit Rule 28(i), *Amici Curiae* hereby respond to Plaintiff-Appellant Jacobsen's Citation of Supplemental Authorities.

Mr. Jacobsen has retained the full range of economic interests included in his copyright grant with respect to those rights not licensed, and with respect to parties who breach the conditions of the Artistic License.

While copyright law does not inherently protect moral rights, such as the right to be credited, this rule "applies only absent an appropriate contractual provision expressly geared at that credit; breach of such an express contractual condition could, given appropriate contract construction, render uncredited reproduction infringing." See Nimmer on Copyright § 8D.03(A)(1).

Nimmer, and the authorities cited in Amici's brief, support the proposition that a copyright licensor may recover in copyright for violations of a license condition or for infringing conduct outside the scope of the license. This rule furthers the purpose of the copyright act by giving effect to the full range of incentives that copyright law is designed to provide to authors. Economic interest

¹ As discussed in Amici's brief, contrary to the District Court's findings this is not an attribution case, because the "notice" requirements constitute limitations on how the JMRI package and files may be modified.

is not merely pecuniary interest: many public licensors are incentivized by the ability to impose license terms that support their contribution to the public and increase the economic and social value of their work, and by the reputational benefit of public licensing. Companies such as IBM and Red Hat derive tremendous economic value from their contributions to publicly licensed works such as the Linux operating system.

Copyright law does not presume which particular license terms are likely to create incentives - it leaves that choice up to authors, who are in the best position to decide how to leverage their exclusive rights.

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