

OPINION SUMMARY

MISSOURI COURT OF APPEALS EASTERN DISTRICT

O’GORMAN & SANDRONI, P.C.,)	No. ED102312
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Respondent,)	Appeal from the Circuit Court of
)	St. Louis County, Missouri
vs.)	12SL-AC43390-01
)	
STEVE DODSON)	Honorable Patrick Clifford
D/B/A CLAYTON COMPUTER,)	
)	
Appellant.)	Filed: December 22, 2015

Steve Dodson appeals from the trial court’s judgment for compensatory and punitive damages in favor of O’Gorman and Sandroni, P.C. (“Law Firm”) on Law Firm’s claim of fraudulent misrepresentation in connection with the sale of a computer system to Law Firm. Dodson raises six points of claimed error: (1) that Dodson was not personally liable because the transaction at issue was between Law Firm and Bios LLC doing business as Clayton Computer; (2) that the evidence did not warrant piercing the corporate veil of Bios LLC to find Dodson personally liable; (3) that the evidence did not support the trial court’s finding that Dodson was personally doing business as Clayton Computer; (4) that the evidence did not demonstrate all of the elements necessary to prove fraudulent misrepresentation; (5) that Law Firm failed to prove through admissible evidence that the computer system installed was not the system that Law Firm had ordered; and (6) that there was no basis to award punitive damages.

AFFIRMED.

DIVISION THREE HOLDS: The trial court did not err in finding Dodson personally liable because there was evidence to support that Dodson personally sold Law Firm the computer system at issue while doing business as Clayton Computer and there was substantial evidence to support the trial court’s finding that Dodson was liable for fraudulent misrepresentation in connect with the sale to Law Firm of the computer system at issue. Further, the trial court did not abuse its discretion in awarding punitive damages.

Opinion by: James M. Dowd, J.
 Robert M. Clayton III, P.J., Lawrence E. Mooney, J. concur

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