MISSOURI COURT OF APPEALS
WESTERN DISTRICT

DISRUPTION 8, LLC, Respondent,
v.
VERTICAL ENTERPRISE, LLC, Appellant.

DOCKET NUMBER WD87028

DATE: March 4, 2025

Appeal From:

The Circuit Court of Buchanan County, Missouri
The Honorable Kate Schaefer, Judge

Appellate Judges:

Division Three: W. Douglas Thomson, Presiding Judge, and Karen King Mitchell and Thomas N. Chapman, Judges

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MISSOURI APPELLATE COURT OPINION SUMMARY

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Before Division Three Judges: W. Douglas Thomson, Presiding Judge, and Karen King Mitchell and Thomas N. Chapman, Judges

Vertical Enterprise, LLC (Vertical), appeals the circuit court's denial of its motion to compel arbitration of a dispute regarding repayment of a loan, raising a single point of error that Disruption 8, LLC (Disruption), signed a valid arbitration provision in a different but contemporaneous contract that was broad enough in scope to apply to the separate loan contract. Finding no error, we affirm.

AFFIRMED.

Division Three holds:

1. The parties' loan contract was not one "arising out of or in connection with" the parties' separate operations agreement that concerned the governance of Vertical's marijuana business.

2. Disruption's claim that Vertical breached the loan contract is not subject to the mandatory arbitration clause contained only in the separate operations agreement.

3. We affirm the circuit court's denial of Vertical's motion to compel arbitration of claims raised by Disruption in its petition alleging Vertical's breach of the loan agreement.

Opinion by: Karen King Mitchell, Judge March 4, 2025

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