OPINION SUMMARY
MISSOURI COURT OF APPEALS EASTERN DISTRICT

DIVISION FIVE

THE RITCHIE GROUP, LLC, Appellant/Cross-Respondent, v. AIR SANSONE, LLC, LIEBER SPIRIT, LLC, AND STEVE C. LIEBER, Respondent/Cross-Appellants.	)	ED113745 Filed: July 21, 2026

Appeal from the Circuit Court of St. Louis County
The Honorable Lorne J. Baker, Judge

SUMMARY:
The Ritchie Group, LLC appeals from the circuit court's judgment entered following a consolidated trial. Air Sansone, LLC, Lieber Spirit LLC, and Stephen C. Lieber cross-appeal. The circuit court's judgment awarded monetary damages to Ritchie Group on its quantum meruit claim against Air Sansone as well as monetary damages to Air Sansone for its breach of contract claim against Ritchie Group.

REVERSED AND REMANDED, IN PART.

DIVISION FIVE HOLDS:
(1) Ritchie Group's quantum meruit instruction failed to comply with the applicable MAI, improperly used both conjunctives and disjunctives, was not supported by substantial evidence, and was so general and broad to constitute a roving commission. (2) There was insufficient evidence in the record to support the award to Air Sansone for failure to pay rent.

Opinion by: John P. Torbitzky, Judge
Renée Hardin-Tammons, Chief Judge; Kathleen S. Hamilton, Judge, concur.

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