

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEVADA

ROBERT CLARKE, an individual,
Appellant,

v.

SERVICE EMPLOYEES
INTERNATIONAL UNION, a nonprofit
cooperative corporation; and CLARK
COUNTY PUBLIC EMPLOYEES
ASSOCIATION, A/K/A SEIU 1107, a
non-profit cooperative corporation,

Respondents.

SERVICE EMPLOYEES
INTERNATIONAL UNION, an
unincorporated association; and NEVADA
SERVICE EMPLOYEES UNION A/K/A
CLARK COUNTY PUBLIC
EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION, SEIU
1107, a non-profit cooperative corporation,

Appellants,

v.

DANA GENTRY, AN INDIVIDUAL; and
ROBERT CLARKE, an individual,

Respondents.

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**JOINT OBJECTION TO APPELLANT
ROBERT CLARKE'S RESPONSE FILED JUNE 3, 2021**

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Respondents jointly object to part of the document filed by Appellant Robert Clarke on June 3, 2021 and titled “Response to Defendant’s Asserted ‘New’ Precedent Raised for the First Time During Oral Argument” (hereinafter “the Response”). Specifically, Respondents object to everything asserted in the Response under Subheading II, which is titled “The Recent Michigan Supreme Court Decision in *Foster*.” *Foster* was never discussed.

Clarke’s attorney exceeds the scope of the Court’s license to provide a response to Mr. Cohen’s update.¹ He does so by completely misstating Mr. Cohen and then proceeds to use the misstatement as a vehicle to present additional briefing and argument unrelated to Mr. Cohen’s update. Mr. Cohen cited to the Michigan Supreme Court case of *Henry v. Laborers’ Local 1191*, 848 N.W. 2d 130 (Mich. 2014) as an update on LMRDA preemption in the state of Michigan. Respondents had cited in their brief to the Michigan Appeals Court case of *Packowski v. United Food & Commercial Workers Local 951*, 796 N.W. 2d 94 (Mich. Ct. App. 2010).

Clarke’s attorney wrongly asserts, “Defendants raised a change in precedent in the state of Michigan....” Mr. Cohen never asserted that Michigan changed precedent. Rather, he stated that *Henry* applied an exception to LMRDA preemption

¹ Mr. Cohen’s comments regarding the Michigan Supreme Court case of *Henry v. Foster*, 848 N.W. 2d 130 (Mich. 2014) start at 16:30 and end at 17:07 of the oral argument recording.

but “does not endorse *Packowski* or overturn *Packowski*. It just leaves *Packowski* as is, so I don’t think it changes any of our briefing. I just want to bring it to the Court’s attention.” Identification of how the higher Michigan Supreme Court had treated LMRDA preemption in light of *Packowski* was candor to the Court.

Clarke’s attorney also wrongly asserts, “The case Defendant was actually referring to was the Michigan Supreme Court’s 2020 holding in *Foster v. Foster*, which cites to *Henry*, and is significant to their arguments in this case.” Mr. Cohen did not and was not citing to nor referring to *Foster* nor is *Foster v. Foster* significant to Respondent’s arguments. The Respondents vehemently object to the attribution of caselaw to Mr. Cohen that he neither cited nor addressed, and they object to Clarke’s expanded argument and briefing that never actually addresses the Michigan Supreme Court’s recognition of LMRDA preemption in the *Henry* case.

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