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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON
IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF KING

GEOFF TATE and SUSAN TATE, a married couple,

Plaintiffs,

v.

EDDIE JACKSON and TERESA GOLDEN-JACKSON, a married couple; SCOTT ROCKENFIELD and MISTY ROCKENFIELD, a married couple; MICHAEL WILTON and KERRIE LYNN WILTON, a married couple; TRI-RYCHE, CORPORATION, a Washington corporation; QUEENSRYCHE MERCHANDISING, INC., a Washington corporation; and MELODISC LTD., a Washington corporation,

Defendants.

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DECLARATION OF MAUREEN FISHER

I, Maureen Fisher, declare as follows:

1. I have known Susan and Geoff Tate for the past 20 years, since approximately August, 1992. During this time period we became the closest of friends. The children we raised became best friends and spent nearly every day in the summers together. Our younger children have known each other their entire lives. I grew to know Geoff on a very close personal level, as well as on a business/professional level. We took countless family vacations together, which varied in location from the finest beachfront condos in Hawaii to roughing it in

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1 tents in San Juan Island marine parks, all the way to riding motorcycles through the Western
2 United States.

3 2. I have always known Geoff to be a completely composed, calm, reasonable and
4 patient individual. I have seen him in a multitude of adverse situations: tantrumming and
5 unreasonable toddlers and children (between our two families, there are ten kids); when our
6 tents completely flooded during huge rainstorms while on camping trips; and when both his
7 boat and motorcycle broke down on him during travel. I also watched him support a very
8 close family friend through her entire battle with cancer until her death, he even shaved his
9 own head for this.

10 3. I have also gotten to know Geoff on a professional level. I was employed
11 throughout his *Cabaret* tour in 2010, then again as a valet/band assistant on Queensryche's
12 *Dedicated to Chaos* tour. I was with Geoff and the band 24/7. We worked together, traveled
13 and ate together and all slept on the same tour bus. There was no indication of friction or
14 conflict between anyone, EVER. I was in a position to directly observe Geoff and the other
15 Queensryche band members interact. They were always polite, friendly and cooperative. I
16 never heard one of them complain about anything.

17 4. Susan and Miranda's employment was terminated unreasonably and without
18 cause. It came as a complete shock to me when I found out they had been fired from their 10+
19 and 5+ year jobs with Queensryche, respectively. The Queensryche "family" was such a close
20 group of friends.


21 5. I remember being on camping trips with the Tate and Rockenfield families. In
22 fact, we were just on a trip to Misty and Scott's family cabin on Whidbey Island over the June
23 4, 2011 weekend. There was not even the slightest indication of conflict.

24 6. Misty Rockenfield, Susan Tate and I traveled to Ireland multiple times over the
25 past three years, renting a house together while doing field research and photography for a
26 travel book we've started writing. We have spent countless hours together as friends. Once

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again, there was no indication of any type of trouble on the business (or personal) side of things.

I declare under penalty of perjury of the laws of the State of Washington this 10th day of July, 2012 that the foregoing is true and correct.



Maureen Fisher

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