

BOISE, FRIDAY, AUGUST 14, 2026, AT 8:45 A.M.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO

**SAMUEL LEE SERVICES LLC, d/b/a South)
Pacific Environmental, a Montana limited)
liability company,)
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Plaintiff-Appellant,)
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v.)
)
HEATHER BANGEMAN, an individual,)
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Defendant-Respondent.)
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Docket No. 52899

Appeal from the District Court of the First Judicial District of the State of Idaho,
Bonner County. Lamont C. Berecz, District Judge.

Davillier Law Group, LLC, Sandpoint, for Appellant.

Randall C. Probasco, Attorney at Law, Coeur d’Alene, for Respondent.

This case concerns the scope of equitable relief available to an unregistered contractor under the Idaho Contractor Registration Act (“ICRA”). Samuel Lee Services LLC, dba South Pacific Environmental (“SLS”), is a Montana business that provides mold remediation and other restoration services. It filed a complaint against Heather Bangeman for unjust enrichment, alleging that Bangeman failed to pay SLS for mold remediation services it provided for her home. Bangeman moved to dismiss the complaint on the basis that ICRA precluded SLS from filing the action because SLS was not a registered contractor in Idaho at the time it performed the mold remediation services.

SLS did not dispute that it was an unregistered contractor but argued that the district court should apply an equitable exception to ICRA to allow SLS to pursue its unjust enrichment claim. The district court declined to apply the exception and granted the motion to dismiss. SLS now appeals. It argues that, while ICRA prohibits unlicensed contractors from bringing actions to enforce contracts, the Idaho Supreme Court has recognized exceptions for equitable claims. It argues the district court erred in failing to apply an equitable exception to its claim.