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UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS

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FOR THE NINTH CIRCUIT

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U.S. COURT OF APPEALS

LEVI A. LAKE, an individual,

No. 17-35759

Plaintiff-Appellant,

D.C. No. 2:17-cv-00495-JLR

v.

MEMORANDUM\*

PREMIER FINANCIAL SERVICES INC,

Defendant,

and

MTGLQ INVESTORS LP, a Delaware  
limited partnership; OHIO SAVINGS  
BANK, AKA AmTrust Bank, a Delaware  
Corporation,

Defendants-Appellees.

Appeal from the United States District Court  
for the Western District of Washington  
James L. Robart, District Judge, Presiding

Submitted April 11, 2018\*\*

Before: SILVERMAN, PAEZ, and OWENS, Circuit Judges.

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\* This disposition is not appropriate for publication and is not precedent except as provided by Ninth Circuit Rule 36-3.

\*\* The panel unanimously concludes this case is suitable for decision without oral argument. See Fed. R. App. P. 34(a)(2).

Levi A. Lake appeals pro se from the district court's summary judgment in his diversity action alleging a quiet title claim. We have jurisdiction under 28 U.S.C. § 1291. We review de novo, *Animal Legal Def. Fund v. U.S. Food & Drug Admin.*, 836 F.3d 987, 990 (9th Cir. 2016), and we affirm.

The district court properly granted summary judgment because Lake failed to raise a genuine dispute of material fact as to whether he was entitled to quiet title on his property. *See* Wash. Rev. Code § 7.28.120 (elements of quiet title claim); *Walker v. Quality Loan Serv. Corp.*, 308 P.3d 716, 728 (Wash. Ct. App. 2013), as modified (Aug. 26, 2013) (“A plaintiff in an action to quiet title must prevail, if he prevails at all, on the strength of his own title, and not on the weakness of the title of his adversary.” (citation omitted)); *see also 4518 S. 256th, LLC v. Karen L. Gibbon, P.S.*, 382 P.3d 1, 6 (Wash. Ct. App. 2016) (the deed of trust foreclosure remedy is subject to a six-year statute of limitations).

We do not consider matters not specifically and distinctly raised and argued in the opening brief, or arguments and allegations raised for the first time on appeal. *See Padgett v. Wright*, 587 F.3d 983, 985 n.2 (9th Cir. 2009).

**AFFIRMED.**