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# **Oops!!! Resort Trades' True Confessions**

By Sharon Scott Wilson, RRP

CORRECTIONS: We, at The Trades, are blushing! So far, we've found several serious errors in our most recent print version of Resort Trades magazine. First, the date on our cover should say, "April 4, 2022," instead of March 5. [darn!]

Second, Marge Lennon is the author of the article on page 24, "Lemonjuice Brings Creative Management to Aging Timeshare Resorts."



As if this wasn't enough, we also neglected to include Dan Zickefoose as a co-author of the article on page 22, "Fair Debt Collection Practices Act -- Impact on Timeshare Foreclosures and Collections." Philip and Dan collaborated on the article, which, incidentally, deserves a good read. The article answers any questions you might have (and many you may not have thought of) on the latest from the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act (FDCPA).



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# Tax Considerations in Timeshare Terminations

By: Lena Combs, CPA, CGMA, RRP, Partner, Withum and Scott MacGregor, RRP, EVP & COO, Lemonjuice Solutions

As legacy timeshare resorts continue to age, many have or are approaching their sunset dates as set forth in the organizational documents. Further, some boards and stakeholders of legacy resorts have begun voluntarily terminating timeshare plans. In many cases, this termination ends in a full or partial liquidation of the property which can be financially beneficial to the remaining owners and position the resort asset to be repurposed as anything from a hotel to assisted living to multi-family housing and more.

Although there are many legal and financial aspects to consider in these types of transactions, the income tax consequences should be on the top of the list of considerations so that all parties involved can be informed and understand what the impact may be to them.

Many legacy resort owners' associations that are positioned to or have already terminated the timeshare plan have already accepted substantial unit inventory from members in settlement of delinquent assessments. In some cases, this inventory is sold by an association to a bulk buyer or to other owners. The tax considerations of a termination of an association can be different for the party owning the assets whether it is the Association, individual owners, or a third-party bulk owner.

#### **Association-Owned Inventory**

Associations realize taxable income or loss equal to the difference between its selling price and its tax basis. The Association may not have much basis in the inventory itself to act as a reduction of the sales price and could face significant taxable income which is taxed at different rates and under varying rules depending on whether the association elects to be taxed as a homeowner's association or as a regular corporation.

#### Other Owners

Other owners generally consist of those that are holding units for personal use, rental or resale.

Owners holding units for personal use who dispose of their units recognize any gain as taxable and any loss as a non-deductible personal loss. Owners holding units for rental will recognize taxable gain or loss. If a gain, such gain may include depreciation recapture and IRC Section 1231 Gain which is taxable at capital gain rates. Owners holding units for resale are treated as dealers for tax purposes and any income or loss realized upon sale is treated by them as ordinary income or loss. The transaction would likely require these owners to receive a 1099-S for the sale. Further, if the owners are foreign, there could be backup withholding issues under the Foreign Investment in Real Property Tax Act (FIRPTA). Regardless, there are documentation and tax compliance considerations here that should be carefully reviewed and adhered to.

When distributing the net sale proceeds to owners, the distribution agent must be cognizant of these reporting and withholding requirements, and the legal status of the parties to whom the funds are being distributed. If it's a corporate entity receiving the distribution, is it a valid entity

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and is the individual to receive the distribution clear? Is the timeshare week held in a Trust, or if the owner is deceased, has the estate been probated? Failure to understand these factors may expose the distribution agent and the Board of Directors, if the association is the designated trustee, with liability and delay or jeopardize the distribution process overall.

# Planning Ahead is the Key to Success

The association's board of directors needs to understand its options and prepare for the termination and property sale years, not months, in advance. Amendments to the governing documents that may provide for more favorable tax treatment of the sale and a more efficient termination and sale process must occur prior to the sunset date. If a judicial partition is desirable or required, the timing of the disposition of assets and liabilities must be considered. Helping the owners prepare themselves for the post-sale distribution by addressing their ownership status will benefit all of the owners. The process should be by and for the benefit of the owners, and the board's duty to serve their owners properly starts with getting the proper tax, title and legal guidance.



No two timeshare terminations and subsequent liquidation of assets are the same and have exactly the same set of facts, circumstances and tax consequences. Each transaction should be looked at carefully and evaluated for tax impacts so that all parties can be fully informed as to what the impact will be to them and be prepared when the transaction occurs.

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I was devastated, emotionally depleted, humbled by the loss of my hair, and broken by everything that comes along with cancer treatment. Then, finally, after six months of chemo, lumpectomy, and 30 doses of radiation, treatment was "over." But, unfortunately, I learned it is never over. Chemo-induced menopause, scars, unending follow-ups, ongoing anxiety, and the fear accompanying me at every scan are constant reminders that life is precious.

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# **Can Short-term Products Pay Off?**

By Marge Lennon

From its emergence onto the real estate/ vacation landscape over four decades ago, the timeshare product has continued to mature through various evolutions—from right-to-use, floating weeks, deeded fixed weeks, and today's point-based vacation clubs. As timesharing flourished in popularity, each modification was dictated by changing consumer preferences.

One thing that has never changed is the fact that the 40-year-use product is still sold by most developers with great success. U.S. timeshare sales continue to increase year after year. But millennial buyers who love to travel have indicated little interest in long-term financial commitments and a new "rental" economy seems to be sneaking into the future. Does this mean the industry will need to pivot once again? We interviewed several respected timeshare industry professionals to find the answer to this perplexing question.

According to leading attorney Robert J. Webb, Partner, with the law firm Baker Hostetler, "From the beginning of the timeshare industry in the late 1970s, an IRS ruling, still respected and in use today, dictates that timeshare transactions which provide a purchaser with use rightsand not the benefits and burdens of ownership-must be reported by the seller to the IRS as leases rather than sales, creating an income and expense mismatch that often substantially increases the seller's federal tax liability. This complex ruling, along with state sales and use taxes and prohibitive state regulation of right-touse timesharing, played a significant role in launching timeshare in the U.S. as a long-term, deeded product. This regulatory environment has not changed much in 40 years and is not expected to do so any time soon."

# Short-term products Introduced.

Partially in reaction to millennials' buying habits, a few years ago several developers started selling short-term products with some success as they offered imaginative products intended to minimize the adverse impact of federal and state tax and Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP). But the accounting rules provided a more difficult challenge for short-term products, particularly for public company developers.

"I think it's important to remember that shared use is a very expensive product to market," added Rob Webb. "And short-



#### Club Regina – Puerto Vallarta, Mexico, developed by Raintree Resorts International.

term products can be equally as expensive to market as long-term products unless the former is a drop for the latter. Also, a significant portion of the profit from a timeshare sale comes from financing, which can be a much smaller or nonexistent piece of a short-term transaction."

About five years ago, there was a run on short-term sales¬, and some independent developers are still selling them. Changing the Federal tax code and GAAP is not an easy task, but tax laws and accounting rules will continue to shape how the timeshare product evolves. To remain relevant and modernize, new internal and external exchange programs and travel clubs may offer greater flexibility of use. The obvious goal is to keep people traveling to different locations. Several people interviewed for this story agree that the industry's biggest challenges today are not the 40-year use but lack of a secondary market, the invasion of exit companies and the high cost of tours.

# Short-term Success in Mexico.

Founded in 1997, Raintree Resorts International has 16 resorts in the U.S., Mexico, and Canada. Their Raintree Vacation Club is affiliated with RCI. After the credit collapse of 2008, Raintree begin to see some changes in the buying behavior of their members and guests. They were asking for shorter term products. Since Raintree was not a public company, it was easier to develop a more desirable shorter-term product. For the past twelve years, Raintree CEO Doug Bech, has been successfully selling what he calls "term" products at their three Club Regina Mexican resorts, located in Cancun, Los Cabos, and Puerto Vallarta. If the buyer desires a perpetual product, Raintree can sell that product as well.

#### Finding the Sweet Spot.

"We launched the sale of point-based term products at these Mexican resorts in 2010 and have been selling them ever since," shares Doug. "During this time, we have sold multiple term products–7, 10, 12, 15, and 20 years–trying to find the sweet spot relating to term. Ultimately, we determined most buyers have enjoyed a seven-year term product, or it's cousin, a fifteen-year product that could be used every other year. With minimal outside marketing, most of our sales have been in-house to members, guests, in-bound exchanges, and renters."

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Buyers at the three resorts mentioned above have said they like the sevenyear term because they know that upon a certain date there will be no further obligations or maintenance fees. Raintree's shorter-term product was never geared toward millennials although it is clearly more attractive to them. Both younger and older buyers recognize the fact that vacation lifestyles generally change every 7-10 years. They respect the fact that they can end their commitment at the expiration of their term with no further obligation. Owners can re-up if they want, but if they don't, they know it is over. Should they want to purchase again, they usually purchase another term product. "Regardless of the product type, if an owner says, "I quit," we always let them," shares Doug. "While we do workouts, we've never sued a customer for failure to pay a maintenance fee."

Future Services. Doug says they are now working on some products which would provide economic benefits of reduced rental rates for longer stays of 2,3 and 4 weeks as well as a lower purchase price and maintenance fees for weeks that are used consecutively.

"Ultimately, our goal is to provide a product our existing and new member base desires without the negative views associated with selling timeshare products," said Doug. "Frankly, I'd love to be able to sell this at all of our properties in the U.S, but, from a marketing and state registration standpoint, our economies of scale make selling the products in Mexico more attractive."



#### **Travel Clubs.**

Continuing to grow in popularity, today's travel clubs offer membership at varying time lengths, providing access to a wide network of vacation locations along with discounts on travel and lodging.

Global Connections Travel Club. While not selling a deeded timeshare product, Global Discovery Vacations offers varying levels of a club membership, allowing members to float in and out by activating their membership for 12-month timeframes. The 'active' members have full access to Global Discovery Vacations' benefits, from week-long resort condominium vacations to cruises to shorter stays and varying leisure benefits.

"Our members prefer the flexibility of this program," says Melanie Gring, Chief Strategic Alliances and Brand Officer, "because there is no long-term obligation. It is basically a one-year program with the option to activate placing GCI in the position of earning our members loyalty each year by offering exciting vacation experiences."

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# Consumers Will Drive Evolution.

As the vacation ownership industry continues to evolve, the IRS and accounting rules will provide a difficult challenge for short-term products,



particularly for public company developers. It is anticipated, however, that the industry may work to achieve some more businessfriendly accounting rules in the future.

"The real sea change in our industry is the dramatic increase in the transferability of timeshare products that is taking place," added attorney Rob Webb. "Today, many developers are allowing purchasers with no loan balance and fully paid-up assessments to exit their timeshare product more easily when they no longer need it. Timeshare must be a transferable product for many reasons. Ensuring that this happens will enable timesharing to continue to become a sought-after product with an even higher level of customer satisfaction than we now enjoy. I'm bullish about the future!"

William Guthrie, an attorney with Foley & Lardner, believes the preference for a short-term product will continue. "I think it is a developing trend for smaller companies. But more importantly, I believe consumer demand will ultimately drive the evolution of the timeshare product and its preferred length of use."



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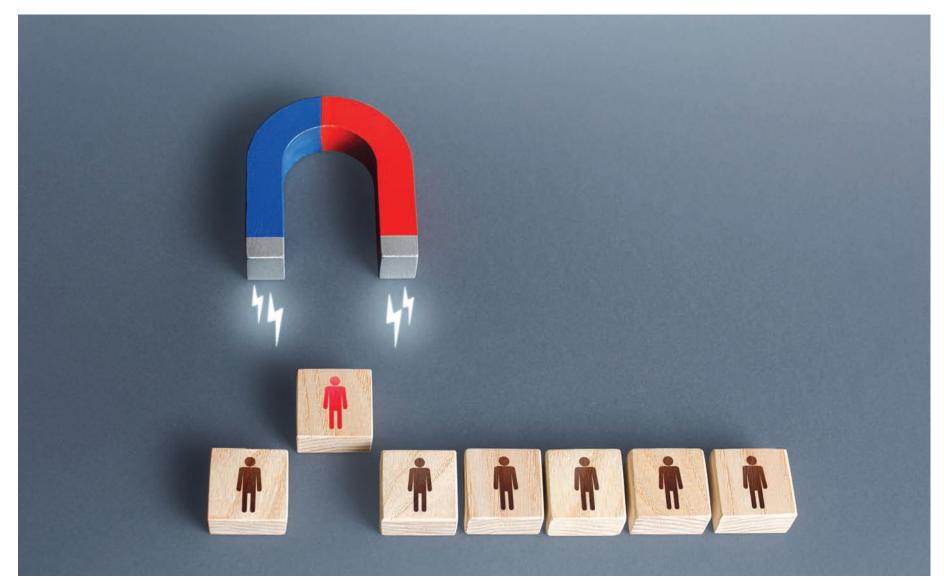
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# **Employee Poaching** Avoid Litigation and Loss of Trade Secrets When Workers Jump Ship

By Phillip M. Perry



-- Abstract: When employees leave for positions elsewhere, valuable trade secrets can go out the door with them. Employers can protect their customer lists, marketing plans and pricing data from ending up in the hands of competitors by having key individuals sign restrictive covenants. Employers also need to avoid lawsuits for violating restrictive covenants when poaching top performers from competitors. --

A California sales executive who jumped ship for a competing employer took along a folder of customer lists and marketing plans. Those items proved valuable resources for the conduct of his new duties—so valuable that his previous employer sued for violation of confidentiality and nondisclosure agreements, and illegal use of trade secrets. The results were costly cash settlements against the executive as well as the new employer who had encouraged use of stolen material.

If that story sounds familiar, it's no accident. Similar cases occur regularly around the country. When a star employee moves from one business to another, the resulting conflicts are often resolved in court.

"This area of law is growing quickly," says Ben Mathis, an Atlanta attorney and managing partner of the nationwide law firm of Freeman Mathis & Gary (fmglaw.com). "There are two competing interests at stake. The first is that of employers who have a right to protect their information from having people walk off and take it all with them. The second is that of the individual's right to compete against his earlier employer."

Resolving those competing interests can hit profits hard. "Court remedies usually involve financial damages for harm that had been done to the original employer," says Theodore J. St. Antoine, Degan Professor Emeritus of Law, University of Michigan Law School, Ann Arbor. "There may also be an injunction prohibiting the losing party from continuing an illegal practice. If the losing party ignores the injunction and continues to do the prohibited activity, the result may be additional fines for contempt of court, or even jail time in extreme cases."

#### **Restrictive covenants**

The moral of all this is clear: Businesses must take steps to ensure they do not lose valuable information when employees leave for competing firms. At the same time, employers need to protect themselves from costly lawsuits when poaching top performers from competitors.

Protecting business interests has become more important with recent changes in the work environment. The employment relationship is less stable than in the past, high level talent is in demand and recruiting is aggressive. Intellectual property—easily carried between companies is more valuable than ever before. Customer information, pricing data, business plans, and proprietary marketing strategies are all at risk.

Businesses looking to negotiate this rocky terrain have a valuable tool at their command: restrictive covenants. These written agreements can keep departing employees from competing against former employers, soliciting the same customers

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or employees, or using a former employer's sensitive information for their own ends.

"Most employers have confidential, proprietary, or sensitive information," says Joon Hwang, Shareholder in the Tysons Corner, Va., office of Littler Mendelson, P.C., the nation's largest law firm defending employers in labor and employment disputes (littler.com). "Or they may have certain employees with desirable skills, experience, training, or intimate knowledge considered integral and invaluable to their businesses. Restrictive covenants, drafted properly, can be a powerful tool for protecting all of this valuable information."

There are two sides to the trade secret coin. Incoming personnel must also be quizzed about any restrictive covenants signed at their former employer. And they must be prohibited from bringing along customer lists, marketing plans, financial records, confidential information, or anything else that might be determined to be the former employer's property.

#### Non-competes

The most powerful restrictive covenant prohibits the employee from accepting employment at a competitor. Called "covenants not to compete," or "non-competes," these agreements specify a period of time for the prohibition and a geographic area where the prohibition applies. They usually also prohibit the individual from serving as an independent contractor for, or having any ownership interest in, a competitive organization.

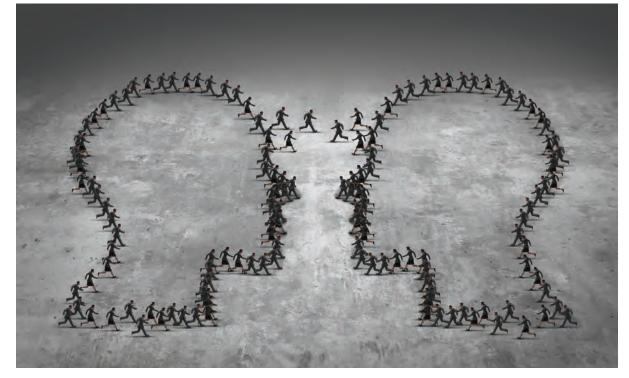
"I generally do counsel my clients to have non-competes, certainly with their higher-level employees," says Jeffrey A. Dretler, a partner at Rubin and Rudman, Boston (rubinrudman.com). "I think it's a very important and effective tool for protecting company confidential information and relationships in which they have invested."

So far so good. But employers need to be wary of a not-so-secret vulnerability of these covenants: The possibility they will be deemed invalid by a court of law. That's because such covenants raise concerns about limiting the capacity of employees to earn their livelihoods.

Employers can help improve the enforceability of their non-competes by ensuring the terms balance the concerns of the employer with the reasonable interests of the employees. "The wider the covenant goes geographically, and the longer the term of the restriction, the less likely the court will uphold it as reasonable," cautions St. Antoine. An example of a very reasonable covenant would be one that calls for a one-year moratorium on working for a competitor, within the radius of one mile of the original employer.

#### State laws

Achieving the right balance is a tricky proposition, not only because each employer-employee



relationship poses unique circumstances but also because no federal law provides a common nationwide playing field. Everything depends on state law, and that can differ substantially.

"Fifty states have fifty permutations of what employers can lawfully restrict with written agreements," says Mathis. "Many states allow restrictions for reasonable periods from six months to two years. Some states are more employee friendly than others. In California, employers generally cannot have any kind of restrictions."

The challenge is becoming greater because in many states the law is trending toward greater worker protections. "The world is changing very rapidly," says Dretler. "States are trending toward limiting non-competes. Many federal, state, and local initiatives, legislation, and news commentaries are asking whether there should be limits put on them. Are they anti-competitive? What's really protectable? There's a lot of litigation about these issues."

Employers, then, need to avoid over-reach that can backfire when an unfavorable court decision removes the protections that were thought secure. "Another reason to avoid overreach is because it may reduce the employer's credibility with the court when seeking to enforce the noncompetes that really matter," adds Dretler. And he adds one more potential pitfall of unreasonable non-competes: Some valuable prospective employees may decide not to join a company out of fear they will be bound by a too-onerous noncompete when the time comes to leave.

#### **Non-solicits**

As the above comments suggest, non-competes can backfire when they fail to hold up to a court challenge. Very often that means an employee who has jumped ship is free to conduct business without any restrictions. And that can leave the former employer in a bad competitive position. There is a solution to this problem, and it comes in the form of another restrictive covenant. Often referred to as "non-solicits," these covenants are designed to keep an employee who moves to a new business from soliciting a former employer's customers for a set period of time.

"An agreement not to solicit customers is often easier to defend than a covenant not to compete," says Joseph Y. Ahmad, a founding partner in the Houston law firm of Ahmad, Zavitsanos, Anaipakos, Alavi & Mensing (azalaw.com). "That's because it is narrower in scope, allowing the employee to work for a competitor." Courts like the fact that these agreements preserve the ability of the individual to continue to earn a livelihood while protecting the rights of the former employer.

What if a former customer tracks down the departed employee at his or her new employer? Even then the terms of the non-solicit agreement usually hold. "The employee has to say 'no, I can't help you' and the former customer needs to contact another employee," says Ahmad. "Occasionally one can go further than that and actually specifically direct them to a person who can help them. But the safest thing is to not give the previous customer much direction at all."

Again, though, employers need to be careful about over-reach that can void the agreements. Not only should the terms specify a reasonable time limit, but they should also avoid prohibiting the solicitation of all customers served by the current employer.

"There usually needs to be some relationship between the employee and the customers, in terms of previous interactions," cautions Ahmad. "The exception would be if you could argue, for example, that the employee had confidential information about your margins on certain products and that information can be leveraged at any customer. You can often make that argument work."

There's another kind of non-solicit. Often called an "anti-raiding provision," this one keeps

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departing employees from luring co-workers to the new employer. "I don't know of anything that triggers litigation more than a high level employee leaving a company, and then is suspected of being the Pied Piper and causing a bunch of other employees to leave," says Ahmad. "Many times that gets articulated as some type of raiding claim, even though not every state has protections specifically for that." Having a wellwritten non-solicit of employees, he adds, can help protect against this situation.

#### **Confidentiality agreements**

As the comments so far suggest, sometimes the old adage "less is more" can be a smart business posture: Employers may get more value from less restrictive covenants. Just as a non-solicit may be more effective than a non-compete, one more less onerous restrictive covenant the confidentiality agreement—can in some circumstances be the most effective of all.

"A confidentiality or non-disclosure provision prevents the departing employees from disclosing or using the proprietary or confidential information of their ex-employers, or that of their employers' customers," says Hwang. After defining the nature of the organization's sensitive information, the agreements state that the signers will take measures to keep it secret. "The information in dispute does not have to be a 'trade secret', but must simply be confidential, proprietary, or not publicly available."

Because the legal system of every state recognizes the right of businesses to protect their sensitive information, confidentiality agreements are generally highly defensible in court. Attorneys advise that they be signed by any employee who has access to sensitive business information. They provide valuable evidence that an employer has taken steps to communicate the importance of discretion to employees.

#### Luring star performers

Now for the other side of the coin. Employers need to be careful about violating a competing business's restrictive covenants when luring away a star performer. The legal fees and time required to defend one's actions can be costly, even when a court strikes down the first employer's covenants as unreasonable. "Some employers draft restrictive covenants knowing they will not be enforceable but will scare people into behaving as desired," warns Mathis. "Employers with deep pockets can cause a lot of trouble."

Attorneys advise taking some prudent precautions during the hiring process. Ask what agreements the employee has signed with his current employer. The individual who never signed a non-compete might have signed an agreement not to solicit the certain customers or to recruit coworkers.

#### **COVID-19 HEIGHTENS RISK**

With so many employers trimming work forces in response to the Covid-19 pandemic, many terminated individuals will be taking positions with competing firms. Employers may be tempted to overlook the terms of restrictive covenants so their terminated workers can earn a living. Doing so, however, may jeopardize the employer's future profitability.

"Employers who choose not to seek enforcement of restrictive covenants during this time should understand that failure to do so may hinder later enforcement," cautions Joon Hwang, Shareholder in the Tysons Corner, Va., office of Littler Mendelson, P.C., the nation's largest law firm defending employers in labor and employment disputes (littler.com). He points out that future employees who breach restrictive covenants may assert a waiver argument—that the employer's prior forbearance proves a lack of legitimate business interest to support enforcement of the agreements.

There is a solution to this conundrum. Hwang suggests employers take steps to minimize the risk their well-meaning inaction may have by memorializing their justification for not seeking to enforce the restrictive covenants. Legitimate reasons might include:

- A lack of resources necessary to enforce the agreements due to the impact the pandemic has had on the employer's business
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Hwang offers another tip: "It would be helpful for employers to explicitly state that the decision not to enforce at this time should not be interpreted as a waiver of any future right to enforce the restrictive covenants against other former employees."

"When a new employee is hired it's a good idea to get a verification or agreement the individual is not taking confidential information from somewhere else," says Ahmad. "And also that that employee is not subject to a restrictive covenant that they have not made the new employer aware of."

When determining the risk involved in poaching, employers also need to examine their conscience: If the goal is not to attract a skilled employee but to cripple a competitor by grabbing trade secrets, hiring the individual can be actionable in court.

"You may simply see a very talented person performing for another firm and you think you can give that individual a better deal," says St. Antoine. "That won't give rise to a cause of action. But you can be the target of litigation if you have some other element in the picture, such as an effort to get insider information."

Employers should also avoid tarnishing the picture by spreading false and damaging information about the employee's current company. "If an employer falsely tells a coveted person that his current employer is going out of business, that is 'trade libel,' a special form of 'libel and slander," says St. Antoine.

#### **Changing laws**

Non-competes, non-solicits and confidentiality agreements form a three-legged stool of defense for employers looking to protect valuable business information. But restrictive covenants must balance the needs of the employer with those of the employee. At the same time, employers must periodically review such agreements to ensure they continue to comply with state laws that are becoming more protective of workers by imposing new and tighter restrictions on what employers can prevent them from doing.

"The viability and enforceability of a company's restrictive covenants, particularly non-competes, are more likely to be the subject of rigorous review today than in the past," says Hwang. "To ensure enforceability when it counts, employers should review the scope and terms of such documents to ensure they are sufficiently and narrowly defined to meet their legitimate business interests."

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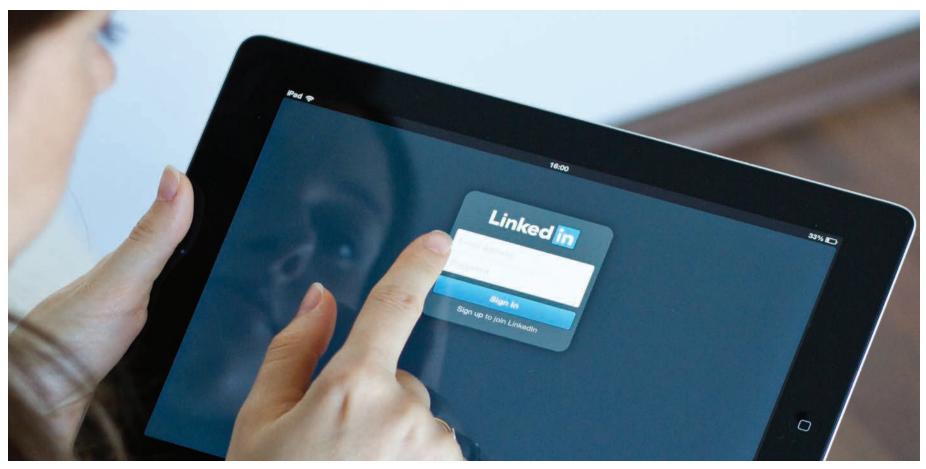
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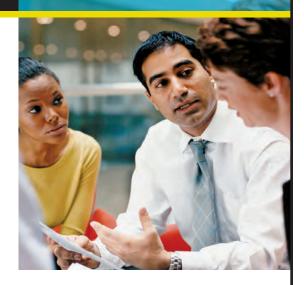
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Marge Lennon President Lennon Communications Group

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com Specialty: Legacy Solutions International,

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Website: lemonjuicesolutions.com/ Specialty: Lemonjuice is more than a professional, full-service resort management company. We are a solutions-based organization presenting an array of unique options that focuses on the resort and what is best for owners including strategic planning and delivering good outcomes. Our leadership and management team are experienced and disciplined timeshare and real estate professionals seeking the best outcomes for all. Unlike other management companies, we are solutions-focused and will invest capital in the Association to achieve goals that work. At Lemonjuice, we put owners first while understanding we serve at the pleasure of our Boards.

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SellMyTimeshareNow, LLC 8545 Commodity Cir Orlando, Florida, 32819 tel: 877.815.4227

Website: www.sellmytimesharenow.com Specialty: SellMyTimeshareNow.com is the largest and most active online timeshare resale marketplace worldwide. We provide a proven advertising and marketing platform to timeshare owners, while offering the largest selection of resales and rentals to buyers and travelers. With over 5.5 million visits to our family of websites and more than \$254 million in purchase and rental offers delivered to advertisers annually, we have been serving the needs of owners and non-owners alike since 2003.

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Levitin Group

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Website: www.sharilevitin.com Specialty: Shari Levitin is the author of the bestseller, Heart and Sell, a frequent contributor to Forbes, CEO Magazine, Huffington Post, and guest lecturer at Harvard. Shari started in the timeshare industry in 1997, and her team has increased revenues for companies like Wyndham, Hilton, and RCI in over 40 countries. Recently, Shari has been recognized as one of the:

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#### Viewpoint

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Website: viewpointweb.com Specialty: @Work International is an IT company that has been providing software to the Timeshare Industry for over 30 years. Viewpoint is currently used by more than 100 Resorts / Clubs globally.

Market Penetration: Viewpoint is used in over 85% of Australian & New Zealand resorts. And expanding globally with Resorts / Clubs using Viewpoint in the United States, India, Bali, Thailand, Greece, Egypt, the United Kingdom and many more.

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#### C.A.R.E. (Cooperative Association of Resort Exchangers) P.O.Box 2803

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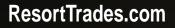
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