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SoapBoxDad 06-16-2006 08:47 AM

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renloyx 06-16-2006 08:52 AM

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Quote:

## Originally Posted by SoapBoxDad

- --Actually their 3 sale has them at about break even--not their 4th as you indicated as just break even
- --Their 4th sale has them solidly into profit with a commission of \$7,000

How many people actually make more than 2 sales? Cmon scamboxdad show us some actual facts.

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renl	OVX	06-16-2006 09:02 AM

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Quote:	

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Soapboxmom

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renloyx 06-16-2006 09:08 AM

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Soapboxmom

Which part of the bible tells you to steal from other christians scamboxdad?

SoapBoxDad 06-16-2006 09:14 AM

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SoapBoxDad 06-16-2006 09:19 AM

Re: Advantages Conferences / Tim Darnell

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renloyx 06-16-2006 09:30 AM

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renloyx 06-16-2006 09:32 AM

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SoapBoxDad 06-16-2006 09:37 AM

## **Re: Advantages Conferences / Tim Darnell**

I believe the model is one of the best opportunities for those that commit long term, pick the right company and have a true desire to help others, to achieve financial freedom. A person should join first and foremost for the product or service and those that are truly successful long term believe in what they represent. Here we go with value again and I can repost the value proposition again and again if need be. We will simply not agree there.

I shared that the blame goes both ways as folks jump from program to program looking for a lottery ticket. We live in a microwave society and most people are not willing to make the short term sacrfices of time and commitment and money to build their business. They treat it as a hobby. If you open a store for \$250,000 and you have a 90% chance of failing and fail, was that store a scam? The logic simply does not make sense that others have used on this board.

So does that make the business model flawed or inferior, I think not. I know not. There are thousands of people who have succeeded building and MLM the right way when they could not start a more traditional business that may have required \$300,000 to capitalize.

**Entrepreneurship is not for most people, period.** That is whether buying a franchise, network marketing, and we can add to that commissioned sales positions as well. Because the majority of folks do not make a full time income in **any** business, does not mean the business is flawed.

I am not a big fan of some of the companies on these boards, and many may even be scams, but to paint with a wide brush to state that companies like PrePaid and others are, is simply not accurate for anyone to do.[/quote]

SoapBoxDad 06-16-2006 09:39 AM

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SoapBoxDad 06-16-2006 09:43 AM

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Only 2--less than 1% asked for their MMC guaranteed refund. Both of these individuals by the way, came to the MMC with the idea of attending and then asking for a refund. Their mindsets were already leaning in that direction and for folks like that, we will not be a good long term home anyway.

renloyx 06-16-2006 09:46 AM

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renloyx 06-16-2006 09:51 AM

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Quote:

Originally Posted by SoapBoxDad

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Yeah cuz a scammer like Timmy would never lie about the number of refund requests...

Wishyouknew 06-16-2006 09:57 AM

Re: Advantages Conferences / Tim Darnell	
Quote:	
Originally Posted by <b>BIGfranky75</b> dont worry Wish i wouldnt be too concerned. SPD made dozens of comment he has proved to be much too arrogant to be swayed by	· -
his disappearance is much more than that something interesting well could have been "given an order" (possibly by tim? or AC's at these threads i really think that somehting big is going down with maybe some news will come out about it in the coming weeks some	tornies?) to stop posting on advantage conferences
stay tuned	
:cool:	
Well Soapboxdad is back Glad to see that this thread poping up so you off.	well on google won't scare
Wishyouknew	06-16-2006 09:58 AM
Re: Advantages Conferences / Tim Darnell	
Quote:	
Originally Posted by <b>renloyx</b> <i>I know what happened to SBD</i>	
yes, that could happen to Tim's house God does work in mysteriou	ns ways like that.
Wishyouknew	06-16-2006 10:00 AM
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## Originally Posted by Wishyouknew

Wow, another "little birdy" told me that Tim fired Chris Reed a few weeks ago. I wonder why...????

Probably did the guy a favor and will keep him out of jail.

Good Luck to you Chris, I always thought you were a pretty nice guy.. Just a guy who was brainwashed by Tim.

legal disclaimer--These was just found out via the rumor mill and I have not confirmed this to be true

Soapboxdad, Why did Tim Fire Chris Reed? Is this true?

Wishyouknew

06-16-2006 10:02 AM

#### **Re: Advantages Conferences / Tim Darnell**

Quote:

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Here is the info from the Arizona AG regarding Tim's old company he was involved with.

*Terry Goddard Settles with Personal Development Marketing Company* 

(Phoenix, Ariz. – May 24, 2006) Attorney General Terry Goddard today announced a settlement with

Liberty League International, LLC, and its principals, Brent Payne and Shane Krider. The consent

judgment resolves complaints that the multi-level marketing corporation tricked customers into spending

substantial amounts of money by promising "sizable commissions" if they helped market three "personal

development" products and recruit new participants into the program.

The settlement requires Liberty League International, based in Scottsdale, to pay \$115,000 which will be

used to pay for consumer education, attorneys' fees and investigation costs, and victim restitution to be

determined by the court at a later date.

According to documents filed in Maricopa County Superior Court, Payne and Krider said customers had

the potential to earn large sums of money if they used and recruited new participants to use Liberty

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enough to

cover the amount they paid to buy the products sold to them.

The personal development products included a home-study course, a four-day personal development

conference and a five-day personal finance and development conference. Prices ranged from \$1,495 to

\$12,995 per person. In addition to the civil penalties, attorney's fees and restitution, the defendants are also required to:

- Refrain from making unsubstantiated income claims.
- Advise potential customers of the correct percentage of participants who have made a profit through

their participation in the Liberty League program.

- Refrain from making any false or deceptive statements in their marketing materials.

Assistant Attorney General Nancy V. Anger handled this case.

If you believe you have been a victim of fraud, please contact the Attorney General's Office in Phoenix at

602.542.5763; in Tucson at 520.628.6504; or outside the metro areas at 1.800.352.8431. To file a

complaint in person, the Attorney General's Office has 22 satellite offices throughout the state with

volunteers available to help. Locations and hours of operation are posted on the Attorney General's Web

site at <u>www.azag.gov</u>. Consumers are also encouraged to sign up on the Web site to receive consumer

advisories from the Attorney General.

Hmmm.. Does this sound like Advantage Conferences but, with out the religious twist.. I THINK SO!

It is sad, that the Guys from Liberty League International only got a slap on the wrist!

Also, Soapboxdad, you failed to respond to this post. What do you think about Tim's old company going down via the Arizona AG..??

Phinnly Slash Buster

06-16-2006 04:36 PM

# **Re:** Advantages Conferences / Tim Darnell

Could the FTC Rule be inspired by the Bible?

This, in essence, creates a "seven-day waiting period" for anyone attempting to sign up a distributor. [from below]

Is this 7 day waiting period inspired by Genesis?
Is accountability Christ-centered? ......, encouraging and then enforcing truthfulness and timely discloser?

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Soapboxmom 06-16-2006 06:04 PM

## Re: Advantages Conferences / Tim Darnell

Phinnly,

That is a hilarious take. The seven day waiting period inspired by the bible is a lovely thought! Now, we all need to let the FTC know we want the disclosures to be availale on the compnaies websites and then we will have a real chance at protecting folks from scams like AC. If one could read that info before they get dragged to a meeting or accosted by a rep then the MLM indutry will be totally transformed! Let's all contact the FTC and request that be part of the new rules!

Soapboxmom

Wishyouknew 06-16-2006 07:21 PM

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Soapboxmom

SoapBoxDad 06-16-2006 10:49 PM

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Federal Trade Commission/Office of the Secretary, Room H-135 (Annex W) Re: Business Opportunity Rule, R511993 600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW Washington, DC 20580

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I am writing in response to the proposed New Business Opportunity Rule R511993, if not modified, will be a significant impediment and burden to the network marketing industry. This new rule, although well-intended, represents a significant burden to the free market trade.

The proposed rule would require a de facto seven day waiting period to enroll new distributors. In essence, one would have to sell a person twice on the same business—even if the start-up fee is a mere \$19.95. While I support some of the disclosures with modification, I am opposed to a seven-day waiting period because it is excessive burden to any company and distributor who would be required to document and follow-up on the process and an impediment to new business development.

The rule requires that any earnings claim statement made by the distributor or company to a prospect, whether written or oral, general or specific, be validated with a detailed "Earnings Claims Statement Required By Law." Additionally, the distributor would be required to provide written substantiation of any earnings claim made upon request. I support the disclosure of an average earnings income statement because it is good business practices to establish realistic expectations. However, I oppose being forced to provide written substantiation because it is an excessive burden considering the investment of money to enter into the business is nominal.

The rule also calls for the release of any information regarding prior litigation and civil or criminal legal actions involving misrepresentation, or unfair or deceptive practices, even if you were found innocent. In our lawsuit-happy culture, anyone can be sued for anything almost with impunity. Irregardless of the outcome, you would have to disclose it and explain it to a new business associate which is patently unfair. I would only support the disclosure of previous litigation of companies, executives, affiliated companies and the like involving fraud and misrepresentation only if the party is found guilty. If the defendant is found not guilty, the opposing parties agreed to settle without admission of guilt or the case is still pending, then it should not be necessary to disclose this information. If the parties agreed to settle without admission of guilt, there usually is some public document available, particularly if it involves a government agency and further disclosure therefore would be unnecessary. If a case is pending case, it shouldn't be commented upon.

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Soapboxmom 06-16-2006 11:13 PM

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SoapBoxDad,

There is a huge difference in wanting everything in life guaranteed and asking for honest disclosure. AC is doomed by the math. Unless each recruit can get 14+ sales after qualifying they can't even get close to the \$100,000 dollars that is touted as expected earnings, much less the \$540,000 Wacko Jacko brags about or the 1 million many recruits checked on the old sign-up sheet. So, honest disclosure of the average earnings, high and low earnings and the corresponding percentages, drop outs, refunds, and any legal action is what is in the best interest of the public.

Of course, lying goons who draw in recruits with totally bogus claims of earnings that reflect only the earnings of the top guy while 90%+ are losing couldn't make those claims anymore. You must be terrified that the truth will destroy your little scam. God seems to be wavering in his support of that goon Timmy and his scamming friend Jacko. Maybe our dear Lord sent us naysayers and the FTC out to stop your little friends who use God's name to rob the pocket books of good Christian trusting folks. Don't worry when the FTC cracks down we will all be here to see that all you scammers are following the guidelines for honest disclosure as they are set by the FTC.

Have Timmy's lawyers started preparing for a fight with the FTC? God is in control and he will prevail so he thinks, so why not just go after everyone that is doing the devil's work and throwing a monkey wrench in Timmy's little scam. It must be getting really tough to keep his business going.

And by the way, the Attorney General's office does not announce that it is investigating an opportunity. I have sent info and spoken with an attorney about a venture and I can assure you that that company had no idea they were being looked at and their reps claimed there was no investigation when I was at that very moment participating in one. So, don't tell us what the AGs office is doing. You have no clue!

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spanky 06-16-2006 11:15 PM

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SoapBoxMom, so you are confirming that Wishyouknew was lying about the AG then? And yes, we did get clarification from Austin this week that there was no such investigation.

This will not impact our business and those getting involved with AC understand our value proposition.

Spanky, beware innocent people--don't start a business of any kind. Entrepreneurship is a scam. I wish you the very best as "sandwich artist." I hope that works out well for you. Hold the onions on mine please.

renloyx 06-16-2006 11:41 PM

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