

Testimonials for UnhappyFranchisee.Com & Sean Kelly (42 pp.)

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Most of these testimonials and expressions of appreciation were left as comments on UnhappyFranchisee.com and can be found or verified by using the search function on the website.

Recent Testimonials Posted to UnhappyFranchisee.com

From Kim Perrotta, Franchise Executive

To whom it may concern,

My name is Kim Perrotta and I have been involved in franchising for nearly three decades. I have known Mr. Sean Kelly for nearly as long.

Mr. Kelly has repeatedly been a valued resource for factually substantiated information as far back as I can remember. I refer many to his articles and information concerning anything to do with franchising and in particular how to avoid problematic scenarios where due diligence is required. Mr. Kelly's work should always be part of a potential Franchisee investor's due diligence.

He has assisted many in coming to know truthful and unbiased information concerning problematic franchises, franchisees, franchise salespeople, franchise organizations, franchise lawyers, and the aggregate damage done to investors when they deal with those who are less than honest, unethical, and unregulated.

Mr. Kelly, as a respected well-known individual within the "franchise space," is a journalist of the highest caliber and integrity. His sources are always consistent with the facts and he has never failed to invite opposing opinions whenever he publically prints an article, blog, or interview.

If the reader can take away simply one thing from this note it is that Mr. Kelly has saved many from unscrupulous individuals involved in franchising including brokers, consultants, franchisors, lawyers, accountants, professors, and franchise sales organizations that do very little to protect potential small business owners and franchisees in the highly unregulated franchise space.

I further respectfully submit this note in support of Mr. Kelly and his work and am fully aware of the slanderous comments made about him by one with questionable ethics and the lawyer supporting this unethical behavior. Frankly, all those involved who have "come after" Mr. Kelly should be ashamed of themselves as it only serves to prove that money can buy almost anything even a claim of false accusations and, in this case, a "fee for letter" attorney who should likely focus on his behavior and the behavior of his client rather than that of Mr. Kelly's.

I am available at any time to add anything additional to this statement to the extent that I am aware of and can be contacted directly through Mr. Kelly or via the email address included in the note.

Kim Perrotta

Worldwise Franchise Development

Jonathan E. Fortman, Franchisee Attorney, Fortman Law

I cannot say enough good things about Sean Kelly.

For the past seven years Sean has been an inspiration to me and has shown me that there is no higher calling for an attorney than standing up to franchise bullies.

I took on a large franchisor on behalf of several defrauded franchisees. I was up against a mega law firm with unlimited resources and definitely in over my head. However, Sean took the time to talk to me and let me know I was on the right track. In the end, my clients were vindicated.

He has not done it for the money.

He's done it because it's the right thing to do.

Now, these bullies are finally taking notice. Are they trying to improve their systems?

No. They are suing and threatening Sean.

For what? For giving franchisees a voice and exposing the fraud?

I ask all of you who have benefitted from this site to closely monitor it over the next month or so.

Sean has already been sued by one unscrupulous company for exposing the truth and other systems are making veiled threats that additional suits will be coming.

I know that I will not sit back quietly while con men and thieves try to silence you, the franchisees. I hope you will join me in that fight.

From Melissa Morrissey, Former Franchisee

February 14, 2025 at 3:25 pm

To whom it may concern,

I was once a franchisee and felt I was very much taken advantage of and lost a significant amount of money to a large franchise company.

Sean Kelly helped bring myself and other franchisees together, he helped us to understand more about what was happening in the franchise world as a whole and with the UnitedFranchise Group specifically.

Sean helped me to get involved in legislation that was being proposed and to better understand how franchise companies work. I think Sean and his work and website are very valuable and help others to potentially not be taken advantage of or not lose a lot of money like so many of us have.

From what I have witnessed with my own experience he has done nothing slanderous and has not posted or written anything that is not true. I stand behind Sean and everything that he is doing. The information he writes NEEDS to be brought to light. Too many people are losing their life savings to these large franchise companies and brokers and it is not right.

If anyone is unscrupulous and slanderous it is NOT Sean Kelly.

He is standing up for so many who haven't had a voice and is hopefully saving so many others from the same financial hardships.

Thank you,

Melissa Morrissey

Previous Experimac Franchisee

Former Franchisee

Trisha Grabert, Former Franchisee

This site is very sentimental to me. I found support when needed and have been able to help others when I thought I could not even help myself. I cannot imagine how I would have coped without finding this website and all the active participation from everyone to answer posts or questions.

I felt alone. I felt hopeless. I felt heartbroken. I felt fear. I felt abused. I felt humiliated. I felt intimidated. I felt weak. These people embraced me with the others and helped me. They gave me find strength, courage, comfort and hope. I thank them all and I thank you Sean Kelly!

I can never repay you for even one night of peace you made possible for me.

Anonymous

February 14, 2025 at 6:28 pm

Sean and unhappyfranchisee.com is a great source of truthful content, experience and one of the very few who are looking to stand up against an industry that has been deceptive for decades. I was also a franchisee of a company that did not tell the whole story or provide any meaningful help once I joined the franchise. Because of the scam I invested in, I and at least seven other franchisees lost all of my retirement savings within a year of joining such an organization.

Sean made it comforting to know that I was NOT the only one who fell victim to deceptive practices in the Franchise industry and he also took the time to explain to me just how franchises truly work which lined up exactly with the experience I had witnessed from my own situation. I highly encourage anyone to thoroughly read through unhappyfranchisee.com and review numerous owners' situations. Also please take the time to reach out to the resources found here. What you find could very well save your LIFE!

This platform is needed and must be supported, IF the First amendment is a right then why are franchises constantly trying to shut this down?? It's an industry that needs to be exposed for what it is and this website along with Sean is the leading and in my opinion the only way it's going to happen. Not all Franchises are bad BUT there are a majority of them that have been ruining peoples lives for a very long time.

Please heed my and all the other prior franchisee warnings. Due your research and DO NOT TRUST a single franchise's claims without validating every single ounce of their claims. In some cases it can just take a couple weeks to get into a franchise but years to completely get out of it.

My only regret was not discovering Sean at the beginning of my franchise journey, if I did then I know for a fact that I would not have joined the franchise from the start. Sean is diligent, truthful and thorough and will do everything he can to help expose these corrupt businesses and their practices. During my time with Sean I did not witness him do anything untruthful, he did great research and a lot of the info came from the franchises themselves.

John Ramos, Independent Journalist & Publisher

February 14, 2025 at 8:20 pm

Sean has beaten these lawsuits before, and he will again!

Sarah Bigelow, Former Franchisee

February 15, 2025 at 9:34 am

To whom it may concern,

I reached out to Sean Kelly nearly 2 years ago as a very angry and frustrated former franchisee in the midst of a lawsuit (which was dismissed) against the Franchisor– Hounds Town USA and its founder Mike Gould.

Sean Kelly published a 3 part blog series on our very costly and horrific experience we had with Hounds Town USA and Mike Gould. I found Sean's reporting to be very accurate, fair and transparent all the while maintaining ethical standards and objectivity throughout.

Because of Sean Kelly and his reporting the TRUTH, I can see much more clearly now and understand why there are so many problems in franchising.

Sean has obviously struck a nerve with those bullies attempting to harass and intimidate him. He is exposing the TRUTH and standing up for all of us "little people" who have no voice.

I stand behind Sean Kelly 100% and sure wish I would have known him before venturing down the fateful path we did with Hounds Town USA and Mike Gould. It would have saved us \$600,000!

Our world would be a much better place if there were more Sean Kelly's in it!!

Kind Regards,

Sarah Bigelow

Former franchisee of Hounds Town USA

Steven, Former Franchisee

February 19, 2025 at 4:14 pm

Sean Kelly is a respected journalist in the franchise industry, known for his integrity and thorough research.

He has exposed unbiased information on problematic franchises, unethical practices, and highlighting the harm to investors.

Committed to accuracy, Sean relies on reliable sources and ensures opposing viewpoints are always represented in his work.

Anonymous

February 19, 2025 at 4:31 pm

The franchise industry is often portrayed as a path to business ownership and financial freedom, but it has become a devastating financial trap for many. Without Sean Kelly's investigative work, franchisees like myself would have had little to no way of uncovering the truth about the deceptive practices used by some franchisors. Sean has given franchise owners a platform to share their experiences, ensuring that those who have been misled, exploited, or financially ruined are not forced into silence.

Sean has dedicated his career to exposing critical, fact-based truths about franchises that operate in bad faith. He thoroughly researches every case, verifies sources, and presents multiple perspectives to ensure fairness in his reporting. His work isn't about attacking businesses but protecting people from predatory systems and holding powerful franchisors accountable when they use manipulation, deception, or coercion to trap franchisees into financial ruin.

Without independent watchdogs like Sean, the franchise industry would become even more dangerous, with bad actors operating unchecked, knowing they are immune to exposure. Many of the tactics used by these franchisors border on or even cross into

criminal behavior—from fraudulent financial disclosures to the systemic destruction of small business owners' livelihoods. If journalists like Sean are silenced, franchisees will lose one of the only lifelines they have to uncover the truth before it's too late.

Because of Sean's work, many of us were able to connect, share our experiences, and push back against Phoenix Franchise Brands before they could deceive even more people. His reporting has stopped countless aspiring business owners from making life-altering mistakes and has forced franchisors to answer for their actions.

The franchise industry desperately needs oversight, and without people like Sean Kelly ensuring transparency, franchisees would continue to be exploited with no recourse, no voice, and no hope of justice.

anonymous

February 20, 2025 at 7:43 pm

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to express my unwavering support for journalist Sean Kelly and his fundamental right, as a reporter, to seek and report the truth. In today's world, where misinformation and "fake news" are increasingly prevalent, it is crucial that we stand behind those who are committed to honest, fact-based journalism.

Journalism is a cornerstone of democracy, founded upon the pursuit of truth, transparency, and accountability. It is a profession that requires both courage and integrity, especially in an era when the media is frequently under attack. Journalists must be free to investigate, question, and inform the public without fear of retaliation or censorship.

Sean Kelly exemplifies these values. Personally, his work has helped me navigate a minefield of lies and deceit from Phoenix Brands. His exposure of their fraudulent practices has given me peace of mind, knowing that another person or family will not fall victim to a franchise system designed to fail. I am incredibly grateful for his thorough research, unwavering commitment, and bravery in confronting deceptive business practices, especially those driven solely by greed.

His reporting is not just informative; it is a lifeline to those who seek justice. Sean Kelly's courage and dedication to uncovering the truth in the face of adversity deserve not only my thanks, but the support of everyone who values integrity and fairness.

Thank you for taking the time to read this letter and for your consideration in supporting the rights of journalists like Sean Kelly to continue their essential work.

anonymous

February 28, 2025 at 10:25 pm

The franchise industry remains dangerously unregulated, allowing fraudulent franchisors and brokers to deceive hardworking entrepreneurs—many of whom invest their entire life savings, only to be left bankrupt, silenced, and without recourse. In an industry where deception thrives in the shadows, Sean Kelly is one of the few shining a light on the truth.

As the founder of Unhappy Franchisee, Sean Kelly has dedicated his career to exposing fraud, corruption, and unethical practices within the franchise world. He has helped countless victims find their voice, warned potential investors about dangerous franchise systems, and held bad actors accountable when no one else would.

Why Is Sean Kelly Under Attack?

The answer is simple: He tells the truth, and bad actors don't want the truth exposed.

Fraudulent franchisors, deceptive brokers, and industry insiders who profit from franchisee failures see Sean Kelly as a threat. They thrive in secrecy, preying on entrepreneurs who trust the system. Sean's work disrupts their ability to mislead investors—and they will do anything to silence him.

Instead of attacking Sean Kelly, the franchise industry should be listening to him. His work protects families, businesses, and the integrity of franchising itself. Without voices like his, fraud will continue unchecked, and more people will lose everything.

Why Sean Kelly's Work Matters:

A Voice for the Voiceless – Many franchisees are forced into silence through legal threats, NDAs, and intimidation. Sean gives them a platform to share their stories.

Exposing the Truth – His investigative work has uncovered fraudulent franchises, dishonest brokers, and industry-wide misconduct, saving countless entrepreneurs from financial disaster.

Holding Power to Account – Thanks to Sean's reporting, franchisors have faced lawsuits, regulatory scrutiny, and public pressure—something that rarely happens in such an unregulated industry.

Fighting for Reform – His work has drawn attention from lawmakers, journalists, and consumer advocates, highlighting the urgent need for better franchise protections.

Thank you, Sean Kelly, for being the watchdog this industry so desperately needs.

SanFranDan

When Franchisors sell you a “dog and “pony” show and then subsequently throw you under the bus once you sign on the dotted line and then blackmail you with lots & lots of legal letters to make sure you promise not to not say anything bad about the Franchise or your experience, you feel all alone.

Since finding this website, "Unhappyfranchisee.com", I have been given a breath of fresh air. A place to vent, to warn others of my unfortunate experience and to have them be very careful not to fall into the same traps I did, it is a godsend.

Many thanks to ADMIN Sean for caring enough to start this blog and for all of us to realize we're not alone. It was a horrendous experience being part of this franchise and I have happily turned away dozens of others from signing on to this incredibly dysfunctional franchise and hopefully saved them from a ton of grief.

This website was MUCH NEEDED and very much appreciated. Keep up the good work, Sean! :)

Nancy Goodwin

The truth is so very important.

BIG THANKS TO THIS WEBSITE!!!!

They are guardian angels sent from above !!!!!

A Very Grateful Woman

Thank you all for taking the time to help others. It really saves lives. In this economy, we surely can't afford to lose a investment to such a scam. It would have been financially devastating for us!

Jonathan E. Fortman, fortmanlaw.comx

We are investigating numerous franchise bullies.

As you can imagine, we have no shortage of work.

By running this site, Sean Kelly has helped us even the playing field.

Information from franchisees is critical to our success.

The franchisor has a lot more money and resources than we have.

This site helps us neutralize their advantage.

I can't say enough good things about Sean.

I can tell you that neither Sean nor I do this for the money.

We do it because it's the right thing to do. Thanks again.

Jonathan E. Fortman, fortmanlaw.com

I post on this site because I truly believe it is the only site that allows for accurate dissemination of information related to problem franchise systems. I admire the administrator because he is a man of character and has taken positions that are not popular in the franchise world of which he is a part. He does that because it is the right thing to do. Without this site, many faulty franchise systems would go unchallenged. The predecessor site was the only reason our case against Contours Express went forward.

Jon

Carol Cross

AMEN! And thanks to Sean Kelly who makes "Unhappy Franchisee" possible out of his own funds and the voluntary contributions to the "IdeaFarm."

This is the only American "franchise blog" that is uncensored.

I'm sure there are franchisors who would like to see this site go out of business because it does give a voice to those who had NO voice in the not too distant past.

Josh Valley

Great blog! Thank you to all the veterans for your service! Always have to support a company that supports our veterans!

Angela Derringer

Thank you Sean Kelly for everything you do. I believe our tireless efforts will pay off.

God is good.

Jack

Hi Sean,

You are an unsung hero. Your website has educated many people about the franchise scams out there. Your website has prevented many people from ruining their lives.

Thank you for your courage.

Cindy

Thank you for the continued efforts to shed light on the darkness surrounding the former mayor and the associates who enabled his disgraceful behavior and business practices.

Hank Heller

Dear Mr. Kelly,

Please continue to expose the bad apples in franchising.

Many times, inexperienced potential franchisees get abused by dishonest and intimidating sellers of franchise "opportunities." It is only through efforts like yours, to expose the bad actors, that decent people who are eager for an opportunity to be their own bosses can be saved from terrible mistakes.

So, thank you for the service you provide to the good franchisors and the good people wanting to begin a new life.

Sincerely,

A long time franchisee

Gordon Cunningham

Well done Sean!

Anyone who's challenged Smith and Mason has experienced bullying and intimidation so kudos to you for sticking with this and hopefully getting the final result that we all want which is taking fraudsters down. Can't thank you enough for your efforts!!

Gordon

Thomas

Thank you first off for the work you are doing. These people are predators.

Anonymous

ADMIN:

I just wanted to provide validation from someone that was in the trenches for WAY too long.

Thank you for exposing them and ultimately saving people from a terrible investment.

Vaughan music instructor

thank you for this post, I am a big big fan of this website.

Out

Once again a great piece.

Unhappyfranchisee.com is single-handedly taking on what seems to be a corrupted franchise world in an attempt to clean it up.

There are some good franchisors out there but unfortunately, there seem to be more bad than good right now. Thank you for the courage to challenge this.

This is only the tip of the iceberg to the tactics used not only to gain new franchisees but in many situations to fleece franchisees once they have bought into an organization. The stories and the tactics used to most who haven't experienced it don't seem possible. But I can tell you I have seen tactics that you can call nothing short of criminal.

Out

Thank you, Sean, for once again being one of the only people out there who has been willing to fight the dirty business practices and in many many cases downright thievery that goes on every day in franchising.

It's maddening to me that there is not more truth being told about franchising and how in the majority of cases it leads to bankrupting good individuals.

jmd

"This site is a wonderful place to come to for help and support... I believe the 'world' needs to see and hear what the rest of us have suffered at the hands of these horrible people." —

Casey

"I am just glad that I found this website... Still scary, but I'm really glad I'm not by myself in this."

Change Stations Now

During the past months, I have found you all to be a 'Support Group.' Thank you. The different stories have made us realize we are not alone in dealing with a business failure.

Former Employee

I think this website has helped some of us start to heal from the humiliating slap in the face [the franchisor] dealt many of us.

Trisha Grabert

I am impressed with the participation of this site and the fact that it pops to the top of Google search engines and is managed well.

udomatter

...it is somewhat comforting to know I'm not alone. I'm not sure I would have made it through this whole thing without losing my sanity if it hadn't been for this site – so thank you ADMIN and everyone who posts here!

Dennis Braddock

I just now found this website, I thought I was the only one who was ripped off by these people. These people have screwed me out of so much money it's not even funny.

Mike

Love this site, pass it on to as many Liberty franchisees as possible.

Guest

This site is here to help those of us who lost our money to these companies.

Mike

Tell all current zees about this website!

Theresa

I'm thankful to have found this website.

unhappy

...thanks to this site most owners are aware that the fear of retaliation from CI is just intimidation and nothing more...

Ryan

I think it's awesome that there's a place for us to come together and vent and just be supportive. If nothing else, this site has been great for my wife and me because for a while there, we really felt alone.

Scammed1

What a great job this site is doing! I'm glad that we are able to help guide others into not making the same mistakes we did. Sean, it takes a lot of bravery to go after crooks like Liberty Tax. If there were a medal of honor for websites, this one surely deserves it! Keep up the good work.

Jackie

Fair and balanced is what comes to my mind when thinking of the unhappy franchisee.

All parties involved in the discussion are given the opportunity to voice their thoughts, experiences and opinions. This process gives a community vibe where one is given the opportunity to speak in an open arena and others are given the chance to respond in a fashion that allows everyone to have a voice.

Franchise scam

Sean has done a great job. I am there for you anytime Sean.

Rob

I was very disappointed with my decision on the franchise I chose, and I lost a lot of time and money. All because I was misled from the start.

Through this site, I realized I am not alone, and that a lot of similar situations exist. Nothing can change the past, but with the other franchisee experiences I've read, I was able to learn some valuable insights and suggestions on how to move forward.

Thank you unhappy franchise for having this site. I only wish I found it much sooner!!

Rebel Ron

It shouldn't be any doubt about the importance of the service provided by the UF site.

Why do we need the UF site?

We lost our retirement savings, we lost our houses, and our course of life will never be the same.

We come here to tell the truth and our bitter story.

UF is the only place where the voice of VICTIMIZED FRANCHISEES is being heard.

Regrettably, there are many of us and the number seems to grow. I would make UF site a mandatory stop for anybody thinking to invest in a franchise business.

The UF site will close down only when the franchise business will get rid of those who tarnish the “franchise” name: the deceiving, unscrupulous and dishonest franchisors.

My prediction? It is not going to happen soon...

Hope

Thank you for being the light in a very dark place.

I wish I had known about this site before I signed my life away,

If I had been able to read the posts, it would have helped me be better informed and prevented all this devastation. It's important to keep the truth out there, hopefully others can be saved.

This site represents what greed and bad business practices do to people, how lives are destroyed....shame on anyone who thinks its just a place to whine, if you have a heart or conscious at all and read the pain, loss, suffering, fear, that fill these pages you would know this is a place that shouldnt have to exist, but it does because of all the greed and lack of heart that runs unchecked in these companies.

Only those who don't want truth exposed, who have something to hide, who are hardened by their own self deception, due to their continued self justification and lack of accountability to whats fair and humane oppose this site!

If they truly thought it was just whining, then they wouldnt be upset by it, but they really dont believe that themselves, they are upset because they know the cat is out of the bag! Because of them we are here, and here is where we will stay, to continue to bind the wounds of each individual, and offer whatever help we can, because we are human, and our hearts feel the pain. Thank you for being here.

bill

...Through this site you see that many of the franchises suffer from the same issues and yet we have no collective voice...

Every time I see a commercial for \$3.99 meal at Subway or \$5.00 Pizza at Papa John's it just shows how the franchisor has so little regard for the franchisee. As a small business accountant I know that this type of pricing hurts the bottom line of all their franchisees and kills the ones on the fringe.

Franchising flourishes because the average person feels that they have an advantage through franchising, but that this isn't bared out in the statistics.

Without size and scale there are very few individual franchises that flourish.

Jess

Sean has been nothing but helpful in the pursuit of our franchisor.

It's nice to see someone so committed to helping the "little guy".

Most corporations want to help the big guy even if it means stepping on others to make money. This has not only been a savior for franchisees but also to former franchise employees. You ever realize on the other side there is also employees that are being treated just as bad.

Sean has created an open forum for owners and former owners, employees and former employees to vent or notify others of issues and be completely anonymous and not have to worry about backlash from the franchisor or its employees.

anonymous

Everything posted on this website about the Franchisor Dickey's Barbecue is accurate and true.

If only we had known of Sean's website before we lost our life savings, our house, our minds and our dignity at the hands of the predatory Franchisor Dickey's Barbecue.

Bill

I've been out since 2009 and it still frustrates me.

Posting to this site was one of the best ways I had of dealing with my anger and frustration.

SanFranDan

Hi Bill! :)

You're not kidding. This site was the best thing that happened. Thank you ADMIN!!

When I look at other posts from other franchisees, even in other businesses, it's almost all the same. The bullying tactics, the marketing ploys, the lack of support.....those 5 years were MISERABLE. It wasn't until very recently that I felt 'free' from their tangle of lies. Years & years later. And I had my 5 year contract even before Bill!

That's how long the stress has been unbearable. All because I signed on the dotted line...

Way at the beginning when there was no "unhappy franchisee" and way before I knew just how bad it would get. How the gov't let's these franchises get away with this, I'll never know. Maybe ADMIN can shed some light as to how these franchises can legally do what they're doing and get away with it.

Samir

There used to be other sites, but they all got shut down or buried or went offline.

I had hundreds of posts, many from our day to day issues when I was a 1-800-radiator aka radiator express franchisee.

7Eleven Gal

Thanks to UNHAPPY FRANCHISEE which has now become the true forum for the franchisees and the true voice of the franchisees.

Former BBI Employee

Thank you Thank you Thank you.

I used to work for the Corporate Office and through the years noticed the hype manufactured for the sole reason of D.R. making more and more money at the cost of other people. (IN MY OPINION)

Without going into the details of what this company did, I DO KNOW FOR SURE, that this BLOG is helping X franchisees know that what they thought is TRUE is in fact TRUE. (LACK OF SUPPORT)

They can see that there was not enough support from the Corporate OFFICE for them and countless others. That their FAILURE now is also BBI's FAILURE.

IT IS MY HOPE THAT NEVER AGAIN WILL THIS FRANCHISE COMPANY EVER EVER DO THIS TO INNOCENT PEOPLE AGAIN. The slogan reads... There is NO (I) in TEAM.

People are talking, the word is getting out.... THERE IS A FINE LINE BETWEEN ... STUPIDITY and CRIMINAL ACTION ????

THANK YOU FOR ALLOWING READERS TO CATCH UP ON WHAT IS REALLY GOING ON IN THE FRANCHISE WORLD, instead of the unnecessary hype caused by the OWNERS of BBI and the media in TULSA.

David is not the only guilty party in my opinion... There is a team still in the Corporate Office THAT SHOULD have KNOWN BETTER!!!!

BBD (Broke By David)

Thank you Unhappy franchisee for what you have done, I have been on the other side of this lawsuit crazy company and I am proud you stood your ground.

BTW, I don't believe one thing that he said when he made his apology, I believe they were all lies fabricated to gain sympathy. I have seen him drink, I don't believe he is an alcoholic.

Former Employee

Todd A. Peterson, Veteran

This website is the only truth you can find in franchising.

The IFA, Vetfran, Minorityfran, FTC, Federal Government, State Government and Local Government will not tell the truth or expose the criminal behavior surrounding corporations created to scam investors and tax payers out of their money . Victims are the ONLY way to educate yourself before you fall for a scam. This website provides that education if only you will take the time to learn from victims. Thank You Sean for your work!

If you are thinking of investing in ANY franchise please pay attention to this website as this website is unique. Thanks again!

Anonymous

I cannot say enough good things about this site.

I wish there was not a need for a site like this though, which would mean franchisors are taking care of their franchisees.

As a franchisee that has a franchisor who keeps franchisees from communicating it's nice to see that others feel the same way about this franchise as I do. Our franchisor made us feel we were the only ones who felt that way, and the only ones not making a profit.

After digging around on this site, I have come to the conclusion it's just the opposite.

This would've never happened without unhappyfranchisee.com.

I only hope that future franchisees look to this site before buying into the gimmick. It's refreshing to have a site that protects the franchisee's anonymity.

Ed Bay

Franchising today is nothing more than modern day racketeering, supported by and protected on behalf of the US Chamber of Commerce, the International Franchise Association and other high powered industry lobbyist and lawyers who get rich off the backs of franchisees.

I live in a state (Indiana) that has franchise protection laws, when I filed a complaint, their reply was to say they would wait to see how my civil case turned out before they would take action :(

The only thing franchisors fear are powerful, chartered Franchise Associations with lot of members. If your franchise doesn't have one, start one !! Wolves run in packs for a reason, be a WOLF !!

Sean does a great job at unhappyfranchisee.com, support him all you can.

Dr Zhivago

This is a great website for people to share stories and experiences dealing with franchisees. Starting a franchised business is a difficult task, full of uncertainty and the necessity of being tightly linked to the franchisor's business practices and philosophy. This site helps potential franchisees learn about the franchisor before signing on the dotted line and putting (possibly) their life savings on the line.

Texastee

I know firsthand how I was defrauded by a franchise. If this site existed when I got entangled in the franchise I was involved with (Liberty Tax Service), I would have been much wiser and less susceptible to their marketing lies. Keep up the good work here!!!!!!

steve

WOW this site is such a great source of info that you WILL NOT GET from the franchise corporate office. Gives me (you/us) a powerful tool to question them.

We are just starting our franchise search and armed with this site, we won't have the wool pulled over our eyes.

Rock on Unhappy!

SanFranDan

^^This is a remarkable site started by a remarkable man...

Hopefully this site will open up many people's eyes BEFORE they just plunk down their money & sign on the dotted line. Thank goodness for "unhappyfranchisee". It's about time someone stood up to those bleeping, bleeps. :(

Unfortunately there are way too many people out there ready to rip you off and franchising is a huge way to do it. :(

anonymous

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Taxed Franchisee

Thanks always Sean you have done an amazing job challenging many corrupt companies and without you many would not have a voice!

I commend you for all you do and continue to do. It seems you are starting to make a real difference in the franchise world and that is music to many ears.

So many have no voice and they needed one badly.

Jackie

A thank you for a website that brings valuable facts and insights to prospective franchisee owners, current franchisees, as well as those who have left a franchise network.

The wealth of information based in truth gives one a fresh perspective on the franchise world and the ability to make decisions with a clear idea of what is fact and what is fiction.

Gina

I really wish I had found this site before I gave my hard earned \$100K to the scam franchise that took it.

I was so new to franchising I didn't know any better to look around or search for reviews on the franchise I bought. That said, I have directed many prospects that were also looking at buying what I bought and they all wrote back and thanked me for turning this site on to them.

If all you hear is cherries and roses from your validation calls, keep digging because there are always challenges in franchising, even for the really successful zees. Pros and cons must be heard!

O. N. N. New York.

We, as the victims of the UFG/Experimac fraud are grateful for the intervention of Senator Catherine Cortez- Masto, of Arizona for siding with Small Business Investors and taking up their cases. Thanks Senator Masto, may God reward you immensely by making you to remain a Senator for a long time.

Sean Kelly, may you equally receive blessings for championing the case of financial crimes from the Cosmic leaders of UFG/Experimac or Experimax with your Social media. God bless!

Nnamdi. New York.

Scihte

Found this to be an exceptional read and spot on.

Most interesting is to know that organizations such as Franserve, Franchise Brokers Association, and the International Franchise Professional Group push franchisors with nearly no merit as emerging brands. These companies lack the cash on hand, infrastructure, and organizations necessary to grow. Brokers, of course, are only interested in collecting the commission while the organizations listed only have an interest in having these companies subscribe and often fabricate promised results.

Note also the the Attorneys that work with these Broker groups are generally working with franchisors and not franchisees. Speaks volumes really. Some very excellent points were made in this article and those searching for business opportunity to take heed in the words and work of Peter Lagaris and this site as well. Due diligence far exceeds that which these brokers advise and it's the work of Peter Lagarias and sites such as this that MUST be reviewed and considered. They may very well save potential franchisees a lot of heartache and loss of lifetime savings. Thanks for this article and our hope is that many take advantage of reading it.

me

Thanks for the confirmation regarding shady business practices! This is valuable information!

Fight Fight Fight

They are bottomfeeders.

Power of the press Sean!!! Thanks!

Thanks for your support

Thank you for continuing to keep this issue in the forefront Sean!

Sean thanks for putting this all out there...finally this nonsense is seeing the light of day.

Thanks Sean

Thank you for your support Sean... I am dismayed by [the franchisor] having counsel employ such tactics so as to attempt to try and damage your reputation and interfere with your family.

It's sad to think this all could have been avoided if the above mentioned parties were willing to have meaningful and productive discussions with the franchisees.

Unbelievable....

Franchise Owner

I am a currently a Franchise Owner in this system and this is quite disturbing.

...It is utterly embarrassing that the franchise that I fell in love with, believed in and invested so much of my time and energy into along with a significant sum of money has lowered itself to this level. ...

It is unbelievable that instead of doing the right thing... the choice was to invest money into this tactic rather than to support the owners.

I also offer my thanks to Sean Kelly for continuing to fight for those who are the target of bullying and retaliation.

Russ

Thanks all for the info. This info has been enlightening to say the least.

Anonymous

THIS IS AWESOME!!! Thanks Sean

Anonymous

I LOVE THIS!!! Thanks for sharing, this is dynamite

SanFranDan

...it is so incredibly clear now that I've stepped away, how rigged this system really is and how many honest franchisees just don't stand a chance.

It is finally catching up to them with the invention of the internet and this wonderful forum (thanks Admin!!) It's ABOUT TIME!!

Sad but true

Admin, it is admirable what you are doing to give information to the public about pitfalls in franchising.

How can I support the cause? I like to put my money where my mouth is. Think about this potential investors; many of us are screaming from the mountains, telling you about the problems you will have investing in a Liberty franchise, you have been warned!

This is free advice, be smart and think long and hard before plunking down your hard earned cash.

SanFranDan

I have been posting here for @ 3 years or so...

Thanks, ADMIN. This website has been a lifesaver for me and countless others.

Yes, the franchise bullying that takes place is one for the record books. What an expensive and stressful lesson this has been on what NOT to do. All I know is if this website was around when I first researched Liberty Tax, I would have stepped away.

Jim Coen, Consultant, franchiseperfection.com

Thanks to Unhappyfranchisee.com for pursuing this story.

Good work.

Jim Coen

Jim John

Thanks UNHAPPY for keeping us safe.

Bill

Thanks to everyone on this site who keeps working to help potential franchisees avoid investing in this company.

Buyer Beware!!!

backingaway

I have been reading this blog for a few months now and I am glad to say you all saved me a ton of money.

I thank you all for showing me what a rip off this company is. I encourage others to do the same before plunking down any money. Thanks all!

guest3

These postings will save someone else from bankruptcy or lost savings, or lawsuit.

I know it's saved me. My estimate would be at least \$100,000 or more.

These folks have lost more. Thanks again.

Uphillbattle

This site provided me with invaluable information.

It even steered me away from Liberty. Before I ran into this website, Liberty seemed like the way to go, a "no brainer." Thanks to people like you (with experience and breaking down the numbers), I understand the franchise concept better.

Carol

BRAVO!!!! Thanks sooooo much Sean for making my day...and making all the trials and tribulations we had with Golob over the years well worth it!!!! My partner and I started the ball rolling nine years ago with a Class Action suit against Golob.

If you could see the giant smile I have on my face you would know how elated I feel!

Golob spent many years taking advantage of innocent people who wanted to better their lives and support their families. He tried to hit us with a SLAPP lawsuit years ago also...but the truth prevailed!!!!

Thank you Sean for giving us the opportunity many years ago, with your website, to inform other Butterfly Life Franchisees across the Country of their rights and a platform for all of us to communicate. You're a champion with amazing tenacity and we all thank you for being our voice through this exhausting experience.

Also, please pass on our thanks to Peter Lagarias for being a great advocate for franchisees. We met him in San Diego at the AAFD Convention 2005...right before we decided to close our doors!!!

I will be toasting you at dinner.....cheers!!!

SanFranDan

Sean Kelly:

CONGRATULATIONS!!!! It looks like you've been rather busy lately! :) We definitely need more people like you to fend off these ridiculously greedy folks out there who think they can just sue the pants off everyone and they'll get what they want.

Thank you so much for all your efforts into helping us “little folks” who signed our lives away when we signed on to be a franchisee. It is the WORST experience in the world, feeling helpless, losing thousands, and finding no one in the right position to help us properly.

You’ve heard from so many people that thank you so much for helping them to find a voice in this whole disasterous franchising experience.

What goes around comes around and revenge can be oh so sweet. :)

Have a great day, Sean, and thanks again so much for doing what you do.

Todd A. Peterson

Look around! This website is the only truth you can find in franchising. The IFA, Vetfran, Minorityfran, FTC, Federal Government, State Government and Local Government will not tell the truth or expose the criminal behavior surrounding corporations created to scam investors and tax payers out of their money . Victims are the ONLY way to educate yourself before you fall for a scam. This website provides that education if only you will take the time to learn from victims.

Thank You Sean for your work!

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If you are thinking of investing in ANY franchise please pay attention to this website as this website is unique. Thanks again!

DP Franchisee

Thanks to this website, we are getting a picture of what has been taking place behind the curtain of Franchised world. These franchise schemes are fraudulent and protected by law. It should not continue...

Note that a failed franchise is perhaps more profitable to the franchiser because they can churn the location and make more money than a continuing franchisee. This has been pointed out above. Without these discussions, we could not have figured out how these are operating and destroying one family at a time rather than helping to build a good economy for the country.

Camille’s franchisee

I would like to say “thank you” to Sean for all that he has gone through to serve as a voice for all the Camille’s franchisees that have suffered immense loses due to being misled by the franchisor.

His efforts, as painful as they have been, gave us Franchisees a voice that otherwise had fallen on deaf ears. Sean's efforts also were successful in engaging David R. To show his true colors, and demonstrate the kind of person he is....

For that, we are eternally grateful to Sean. With sincere thanks,

SanFranDan

When Franchises sell you a “dog and “pony” show and then subsequently throw you under the bus once you sign on the dotted line and then blackmail you with lots & lots of legal letters to make sure you promise not to not say anything bad about the Franchise or your experience, you feel all alone.

Since finding this website, “Unhappyfranchisee.com”, I have been given a breath of fresh air. A place to vent, to warn others of my unfortunate experience and to have them be very careful not to fall into the same traps I did, it is a godsend.

Many thanks to ADMIN Sean for caring enough to start this blog and for all of us to realize we're not alone. It was a horrendous experience being part of this franchise and I have happily turned away dozens of others from signing on to this incredibly dysfunctional franchise and hopefully saved them from a ton of grief.

This website was MUCH NEEDED and very much appreciated. Keep up the good work, Sean! :)

Trisha Grabert

I see people are still being so helpful in telling truths and saving lives for future victims of this franchise.

I am very happy to see you all determined to tell your story and answer questions...

A special thanks to the ADMIN and all posters for exposing the truth. I am back and I am not back to play by the rules. Justice is there for the taking. Let's get some!!

Danielle

We have been wrapped up in this mess for way too long and I cannot believe how much money we lost.....thousands upon thousands. Mostly to lawyers.

Thanks so much to this website to tell people the REAL TRUTH about franchises like this one who pay money to have their name plastered all over Entrepreneur Magazine as a top franchise———yeah, tops in ripping people off

Bill Spencer

I just finished reading all the comments as a prospective franchisee who is doing their due diligence and I want to say thanks.

...Your comments and thoughts on the subject are critical to my decision....

Scammed Franchisee

Thanks ADMIN.

This should really help new entrepreneurs an informed decision.

Gary

Nice article Admin. People can't keep their eyes closed forever. The real truth is getting out there thanks to the internet. Keep up the good work !

Tommy Cheung

We here at Unhappy Franchisee will continue to bright light to these kinds of problems and eventually [the franchisor] will have to listen, eventually they will have to answer to the courts.

Guys and gals, lets post everywhere, be loud, be heard and we will bring change.

Curious

Thank God I found this web site.

I was about to buy an existing Kumon but all above made me to think twice before going further. The only point of I moving to Kumon was to be my own boss but apparently with Kumon you WILL HAVE a boss that does not even respect you.

Thanks again to all the contributors to open up my eyes.

Tommy

Admin, thanks for doing a great job.

tickedoff

Unhappy,

When I first closed my club, a year next month, I felt I had someone that was pulling for me and all the others like me.

...Could you please post again as your support meant a lot to many of us. Thanks!

Lucas

Thanks, unhappy, for your postings here and for the time you spend standing up for curves owners.

Petisamaria Hall

I was ready to make the call and get involved, until I found and read these reviews. Wow, Thank God I didn't do it. A huge thanks to every entrepreneur on here that was brave enough to share their own personal experiences with Dollar Store Services! And I'm incredibly sorry for your struggles and losses. Hold your heads up, because you now know exactly how to maintain a successful business, having to gone through the trenches. I wish you all the greatest of success throughout all of your future endeavors.

Alex

I was recently exploring being a franchise broker and saw this site on Reddit. It gave some good insight into how and why these franchise broker groups operate. It doesn't bash any of them but sort of pulls back the curtain.

Darrent Lewis

Great Post. I'm studying franchising, and this post is very useful for me. Thanks

Chris Clown

Ok, too late for all of us but yes good to warn others not to invest in this already bankrupt brand. Thanks for the heads up...

john

I want to personally thank you all for your reviews and I'm saddened by your losses.

The good news and consolation on you all behalf is that you all exposed these smooth criminals. I was going to send in my application and \$500 startup fee. But I had a gut feeling to do more research and due diligence before i commit. And I thank God that I did go with my gut feelings and look up these past experiences and reviews.

I copied and pasted all the above reviews and emailed them to the sales rep. that was trying to get me to commit, and his reply is quote, "We never opened a store for any of these people". I do find that hard to believe.

Thanks again for all the people that wrote a review and my prayers are with you all.

Alpheus Todman

I just want to thank you guys for posting your experience, I was about to sign the first document and I saw something that made me uncomfortable. That is when I decided to get the opinion of other store owners. I am so glad I came to this site.

all I have to do is request my \$500.00 deposit. Thanks to all of you.

Levi C

Wow! stumbled upon this site. Guess I'll be another person saving their initial franchise fee.

Thanks to all of those that shared their experiences and unfulfilled expectations. I'm truly enlightened and thankful I hadn't invested yet.

Good luck in your future endeavors.

Tim Kosinski

Thanks to all whom have let their voices be heard, it had to be difficult to comment on a business model that you have all committed to in hopes of a better future / family / retirement.

I have been soul searching as well for a business to operate w/ my spouse in our golden years, hoping to pass the baton to our family in the near future.

Reading all of the comments above, a liquor / gaming license might not be that bad after all, at least I can drown my sorrows on the way out if it fails.

Thanks again to all store owners for chiming in, I wish you all the very best, and a prosperous future...Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year

Anonymous

Thanks everyone for helping me do not get involved with [redacted]!

It is an embarrassment for a business to be led by scammers! I will invest my money in something else.

Janice

Thanks for saving me money. I was just getting ready to look into them because of the low start up. I'm glad I looked further. It pays to do research.

Tiffany

Thanks for the information. I was about to go with this company for the mailbox stores...

Mike McFadden

I was going to buy in, but after reading this article, I think I'll continue my search for a worthwhile project. (very disappointed with their business practices, glad this site was here to get me out of my dreaming of unreal expectations, which we all do when venturing into new financial territories).

I had dreams of owning multiple routes, financial independence, all the usual shit that people think about, before the reality of human greed makes its appearance.

I'm just glad I found this site before I jumped in. You probably saved me a future bankruptcy. Thanks & good luck on your fight to those caught up in this mess.

Curved Out

...Thanks for the update. That is really encouraging!

The only thing keeping my doors open currently is a personal guarantee on the lease. I'm so looking forward to life after Curves!

Gino

I am investing in B2B and B2C services in Baltimore. I have considered adding [redacted] in the portfolio.

Great site. The comments here are measured and reasonable and if anything reveal people who value the brand but have financially crippled franchises due to new and or unappreciated corporate business policies. It appears their market did not or no longer align with an imposed business model.

I appreciate those who took time to detail and explain how the model no longer works for them.

guest

Thanks admin for posting the lawsuit information.

Koob

I was really thinking about doing this business! Man after reading all these posts , I might consider looking elsewhere now! Thanks for all the advice.

FRANCISCO VALDEZ

I am in AZ, I am looking into opening an auto shop.

I was almost one of their victims as well.

I was getting ready to sign the agreement but i decided to do a little research and thanks to all the comments above I have a clear understanding of what this is all about.

P- Daddy

I was about to go through with the application process. So glad I dug deeper. It's a shame what some of these guys and gals have gone through. I want no part of it. Thanks for all the info. and comments.

guest

Thanks to the 'unhappy franchisee' I have learned lots and saved lots of money.

Derick

Thanks to all the franchise owners for sharing your experiences... you saved me from making an expensive mistake.

You kidding me

Wow! Thanks for keeping this post alive! I almost bought into the scheme.

Thank goodness we did a quick Google search and found out the truth! We called him and confronted him on all the accusations, he was baffled. They are telling people that the [redacted] are very lucrative and promising inflated numbers. Be careful!!!! Glad we didn't lose any money and sad for those that have fallen prey to this type of scam.

gordon

Wow glad I did not join. I was going to take the technician franchise but something told me to look a little deeper in to it.

Thanks people. You just saved me 2,000 bucks sounds like a pyramid scheme.

Arthur

My wife and I completed the webinar, filled up our profile and we have a phone appointment with a representative tomorrow. But thanks to reading your honest comments, we have decided to not move forward with our plan.

I have no words to express my gratitude to all of you for sharing such valuable information. You saved us from blowing up thousands of dollars!!

I wish you the best of luck!

Anne Esq

I want to thank all you people.

I am an attorney, as you might have guessed, and my husband is an EA and a former H&R Block manager. In 2013, we decided to open our own law and tax office, and we considered both Liberty and something called America's Tax Office.

We dropped the idea of Liberty when we read this board, and we eventually decided to go it on our own without a franchise brand.

It is great. I am so glad we did not go with Liberty. Thanks again.

jay

Thanks for everyone's comments. You saved me from this failing business.

Albert

I was also considering buying an existing franchise, and won't be going forward with it based on the comments on this site.

The store in question has been keeping a steady, but moderate income stream for the existing owner, but now I know that the business model has been flawed from the outset and continues to get worse. Now I understand why the asking price seemed so low to me, and also why the poor guy hasn't been able to unload it.

My sincere thanks to all the owners here for their candid opinions... you guys/gals have saved me from wasting a lot of time and money and spared me the aggravation of owning a real financial DUD. Best of luck in the future... you deserve it!

SanFranDan

Thanks. I went through hell & back with this franchise for years & years. Everything I've posted here is the truth.

This site is called "Unhappy Franchisee" for a reason. It's more than complaints. It's supposed to help others decide whether or not this franchise would be a good investment for their hard earned money or not.

"In my opinion", I would say emphatically NO

Jim

Thanks for getting the word out on these crooks. And by the way their current tools are no way as good as they used to be.

Mike

I am glad I found this site!

I was scammed once before by a dating business, but IJL sounded like a good plan.

I decided to do my due diligence and have found mostly negative comments about this company. From the comments, it sounds like it could even be the same company that scammed me before under a new name (That one cost me \$5000).

They are calling back tomorrow! I am going to pass!

Thanks everyone. I am sorry for your losses. By the way, If this company is Elove under a new name, I will join the lawsuits!

Horatio

Thanks for all your help and advice. You have no idea how much I appreciate it.

MBA Vet

I actually have an appointment w/ the consultant to open a store next week. But OMG!!! There is no way I'm keeping that appointment after reading this. And its too bad, i would have been GREAT at it.

I will look into some other franchise. Honestly, thanks to all of you for sharing your painful experiences w/ the rest of us. We would have been sitting ducks without you. This is my sincerest appreciation.

Horatio

Thanks again for the help guys. I'm definitely a lot closer to not doing it now then i was before i found this site.

ND

I'm glad you are doing this to showing the comment from a real people who experience and expose they history about [redacted] franchise. I was about to make my move to go for this franchise, after reading all comments make me change my mind to invest my money in this corporation and once again I want thanks to all who did sharing they comment

Close call

Thanks to all of you for the warnings you have posted about buying a [redacted] Franchise. My wife and I were literally hours away from signing a franchise agreement when we came across this site. It really feels like we dodged a bullet.

The comments here allowed us to re-examine all the information that the franchisor provided to us, using a new, different perspective, it became clear that we came very close to risking 7 years (5 by contract + 2 in non compete) of our lives, our life savings, our sanity and most likely our health, on an endeavor completely opposite our goal.

Although we were aware of and even questioned our AD about inconsistencies between the Open House presentation and the legal language in the agreement, we were assured that the contract was "just written in a way to encourage franchisees". Even the sample P&Ls they gave us didn't add up. We were so taken in by [redacted] that we failed to do a thorough due diligence. We are very thankful to all the people here whose comments are meant to warn and help those close to falling into the same trap.

manu patel

I read enough complaints. I will not go this business. Thanks peoples who express their honest experiences.

dave

thanks guys for all your comments almost fall in this scam I am glad I did my HOMEWORK

Carmela

Whew!

And to think I was going to take my life savings, a personal loan and 2nd mortgage out to buy a franchise! Thank God you all stopped me in my tracks.

I think I will abort my decision to invest in [redacted].

So sorry for all your losses. My heart breaks for all who are not happy. I've just come out of one bad investment after 10 years and don't need another. Thanks for your input.

clark

THANKS FOR THE INFORMATION IT SAVE TIME AND MONEY THANKS A LOTS

Lucky brown

After reading these comments and all but one was supporting this company I will not join this headache thanks to all for warning us and helping us with factual knowledge of their scams. I will not join this fake business opportunity who gets all the profits thanks guys Palmdale Ca .

SickToMyStomach

Yay!!! I MADE it! I'm done.

Selling off my crap. So excited, I could pee myself. I already feel lighter.

Thanks for all of the comments.

They are all TRUE. Anyone looking to get into this, don't.

If you are looking to do people right (ie: charging a reasonable fee for quality service), this is not the model for you.

Janice

Wow thanks for the reviews I will not be investing my money with them.

Franchisee

Thanks! A lot of us were duped into believing their inflated numbers and their false claims of people living off their system. It rarely happens and it seems most of the Top Guns are heavily in debt with the company.

The corporate office makes their money early due to taking the banking products money up front from the heavily debted zee.

What a great plan for automatic income for the home office.

Mike

Well I wish I had found this site before I spent money to become a zee.

Thanks!

Bob Huizinga

I was thinking of getting a [tool truck] franchise. Thanks for the heads up

Franchise scam

We received some papers from [franchisor redacted] to return a portion of the money on a past failed franchise that we never had the chance to open. I think this was a great step in the right direction. Thanks to the person running this site by making these blogs possible and Mr [Franchisor] for stepping to the plate and trying to make something that was wrong right.

Nancy Davis

O K....I was considering buying into an existing franchise in TX but am certainly rethinking that since reading this story and these comments.

Thanks for your input!

Tony

Let's just say that I'm glad that websites such as his exist as I was about to make a pretty big mistake

Thanks to all of you for sharing, really really appreciate it

Eduardo Salgado

Thanks to everybody for sharing your experiences. You just stopped me from making a BIG mistake. It seems like I'm better off staying on my job than going into this business model. Gracias

Royce

Wow!! I was very interested in owning a [redacted] up until now. I'm glad I found this site before I committed!! It used to be my favorite cold cuts shop until I discovered this site. Thanks for all of your stories and sorry for your losses. God Bless

Richanne

Thank you people so much for warning other people away from this. My husband and I were seriously considering doing a [redacted] franchise. We were scheduled to go to Vegas in a couple of weeks to see the dog-and-pony show, as you put it. Then we found this site.

You have probably saved us a lot of money. What you are doing is a true mitzvah. Thanks again.

Another BDB Franchisee

Thanks for speaking out about Nathan Cuneen and Blow Dry Bar.

You are doing us in Australia a great favor but also saving many more both here and there from losing there life savings.

Franchisee

Thanks to this website, we have an outlet to speak the truth and the feds have a way of listening in to see the corruption, moral hazard, unethical and bullying in the Franchisor world.

The stealing of money, talents and livelihoods of people thinking they are working to better their lives, but only the franchisor and a few franchisee's are doing great. The rest are ruined financially and in many cases ruins their lives through death and divorce.

Thanks Sean for shedding light on a long held dark secret from the franchise world to what happens to franchisees.

Dave

Wow...Just signed in to them and now I read this. Thanks for publishing. Although you took the wind out of my sails, I'm happy to step away. Off to other ventures.

Stacy

I am glad I found this site. We are having to close our gym. We still have 3 1/2 years on our FA.

Thanks for keeping us up to date.

gary

Thanks 4 the heads up changing my mind

Tim

I was interested in buying one of these franchises.

Glad I found this before I signed up.

Thanks to you all for the info.

Researcher

Thanks to all of you for the valuable insight on LTS Franchise system. After reading EVERY comment, I've decided to go against the franchise route and venture out on my own. Thanks again and well wishes to each of you!!!

A Very Greatful Woman

Wow! I was actually supposed to go to a presentation on Tuesday . By all accounts, it looks great. They have an A+ rating with BBB, their customer service "woos" you in, and their website is intriguing.

Thanks to my husband (a wise man who has been burnt in the past) said, "sounds good but do your research"

A quick google search landed me here and I have an eye full of information which has helped me see the light.

SO I THANK YOU FOR THIS. I PRAY FOR THOSE WHO DID NOT HAVE THE CHANCE TO SEE THIS BEFORE GIVING THESE SCAM ARTISTS THEIR HARD EARNED MONEY!

Thank you all for taking the time to help others. It really saves lives. In this economy, we surely can't afford to lose a investment to such a scam. It would have been financially devastating for us!

guest2

This is a good website. I tried in many different ways to get a better idea on Subway .

I will do something else. With all of the saturation, I don't see how multiple stores are possible now.

Talked to owner about one in the \$300K range and owner and husband worked night and day, so they had 2 people working (them) and not 3 .

They sold it and moved out of state. New owner took over and was closed in less than 6 months.

Thanks.

Trisha Grabert

I have to say I am impressed with the participation of this site and the fact that it pops to the top of google search engines and is managed well.

Thanks for continuing to contribute to the conversation and promote awareness to others that they are not alone about the hardships they have had with [redacted]. I would like to see more people participate and keep speaking up.

I have my name out here because I have nothing to hide and nothing to fear of being straight forward about my experience.

Wish more would or could do the same.

Almost-A-Franchisee

Thanks. Due to this site I decided to opt out of my franchise this morning and look elsewhere for biz opportunities. I appreciate your wisdom and transparent candor. Very helpful and refreshing.

mike

So glad that corporate and other franchisees read this site. Tell everyone you know about this site so at least they can read the non-kool-aid beverage. Thanks for your posting. I do appreciate your honesty.

Ms. Independent

Hi everyone! I want to say "THANK YOU ALL" because I have a appointment next week to [redacted] to buy a Franchisee.

Oh Noooo, NOT NOMORE!!!

After reading the above complaints they can go to HELL!!! Apparently, this company is FULL OF SHIT! I'm going to start my own cleaning business from ground up and pray for guidance, strength and much success.

Debbie Solko

*****SAVED!*****

From Don

Thanks to all of you.....I was just about ready to go with a [redacted] franchise, my contact is supposedly putting together a business plan and calling on Monday. However after discovering this site, I am contacting him to let him know that I am not going to go through with it.

I already had some concerns and questions and it would have taken every dime I have plus a loan that I was quickly told [redacted] would handle to just get started. Thanks again. I thought I was fixing to do something great. At 61 it would have been a huge mistake.

Mike Beggs

Thanks to all of you who have posted here. My wife and I were seriously considering a [redacted] franchise. We have the capital and experience to do it, however after reading all of the above comments we will not risk our money to do so now.

Good luck to those of you who are currently stuck in a bad situation and thanks again for saving me from the same fate!

Best,

Mike

Rochelle

I don't know why I didn't see this before we bought "into" this company.

I have \$15k worth of their stuff in my garage and house now. We researched and found not much on Ceil-Tech, but didn't see the info on PG.

I'm sad to even share this finding with my husband as he was so hoping this would be a great thing for us. Any advice on how to make a real go of it will be greatly beneficial. Thanks so much in advance! We have yet to get our business up and running and there are more fees to pay for that. We need to be able to pay for our initial investment at least. UGH.

Guest

Wow. 100+ comments and at least one man's retirement saved. Not a bad few day's work, commenters.

Bebs

I was considering on becoming a franchisee but after reading your comments, i am somewhat turned-off on this one. I thought this is something that will change our lives for the better. But it could turn to the other way.

Becky

I am SO glad that I found all of you. I was putting some thought into pursuing the purchase of a franchise, but after reading all of this, I will run the other way. Thanks for being so candid, since I know that it must have been difficult for some, if not all, of you to post your stories. God Bless each and every one of you!

ace

Thanks for changing my mind about buying a [redacted]. Good luck to all of you.

Gee

I'm glad I read all this information. My hubby has been hyped and bragging and talking about this [redacted] thing for a month. Him and his friend having been "doing the blue prints" of their new business. He showed me this 10 page print out of [redacted].

I love him dearly but he's the kind of guy that once you tell him something that sounds a little good he's the "SOUNDS GOOD; LET'S DO IT!" guy. Me? I'm the "WHAT'S THE CATCH?" kinda gal. Soooo, when he showed me this 10 page trash heap, I dug up my own dirt.

HE WILL NOT, and I shall repeat NOT going to invest in the garbage.

Thanks for the heads up everybody!!!

BB

Wow...So glad I came upon this blog...Was considering buying a resale...Not so sure now....Thanks for all the info and opinions...

Theresa

Was thinking about inquiring on an opportunity to purchase an established Store but after reading all the post on this website I'm not so sure... It seems to be a really nice opportunity to have my own business as i always dreamed of but is it worth it? lol...

God Bless All...

Undisclosed

Thank you for all you do in exposing the JDog Franchise /Brands for who they are.

SD

Thank you for pointing out that franchisees are not owners. There are so many consultants and sales people in the field to live off of the franchisees that it is sad. However, why it is not being stopped is somewhat explained in the book: "Small Business Skills" by Bobby Harman. Couple of more books that I found could be of help are:

"Dunk'd" by Barkan- lots of information but hard to understand by a newcomer

"Franchising and Racketeering" by McMullin- unfortunately the core information is diluted by bad marriage complaints.

Thank you for hosting and sustaining this informative discussion board

Rocio Groning

I can't thank you enough for sharing your comments.

You just saved me from making a HUGE mistake.

Jenny

I want to say thank you to all of you for the comments.

I am so glad that I read this before I signed up with them.

I gave them a total of \$3000 and right when they sent me the real estate documents to sign my life away. I decided to read everything and highlighted every line. Then I started questioning them and they could not provide any answers .

ALSO THE COMPANY THAT GET YOU THE CREDIT CARDS EXCEL FUNDING (be careful with them because one of my credit cards sent me a letter saying they are FRAUD. I asked for my money back and explained to them that I NO LONGER WANT TO DO BUSINESS WITH THEM and Thank Goodness,they gave me my \$3000 back. Now listen up people DO NOT SIGN ANYTHING- READ READ READ.

Darrell

My wife and I are recent retirees with a magnificent savings stashed away. After traveling and relaxing for a whole fourteen months we were looking for a new business venture to own. [Redacted] was the one we settled on and thought it would be great for our foreseeable future since we're both in our late 40s.

Well after reading all of these dubious comments about [Redacted] raping of franchisees, we've decided to scrap those plans and look in another direction. Thank you guys for saving us from being duped!

Dewey Cheatumandhow

Bizcon has breached so many ethical standards that it's hard to know where to begin...

The actions of Monica and Melissa are not just some funny joke or cute promotional stunt or innocuous act...it's illegal...

Thanks Unhappyfranchisee.com for exposing them and let's hope something good comes from this in the way of real action from the government, from reputable franchise companies, from the industry itself as well as from other PR firms fed up with this kind of crap perpetrated by competitors.

Tiffany

Thanks for the information. I was about to go with this company for the mailbox stores...