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Serving the vacation ownership industry since 1973, the firm's resort development, finance, and vacation ownership practice consists of partners **Jeffrey Stern**, Mel Weinberger, Bernie Smith, Anthony DiResta, Matthew Fontane, Jay Baker, James Voelker, Eric Pfeifle, Ryan Magee, Stacie Goeddel and Brian McDowell, as well as Stuart Bloch, William Ingersoll, and a core group of associates and paralegals.

This group provides counsel to major vacation ownership industry developers and lenders and represents a number of major private equity companies that have entered the industry as well as Fortune 100 corporations. They include timeshare resorts and multi-site vacation clubs; second-home, homesite and mixed-use developments; hotels and condominium hotels; fractional-interest products and golf courses; ski resorts and country clubs; private residence clubs and lenders that provide industry financing.

Holland & Knight attorneys have extensive experience in mergers and acquisitions in the timeshare industry; project acquisition; development and legal master planning; drafting of project and sales documents; federal, HUD and state registrations; exemptions and other regulatory issues; acquisition, construction, permanent receivables and securitization financing; management, marketing and sales issues; zoning and other local real estate issues; environmental assessments; title work; foreclosures and workouts; owners association issues; fair housing, CFPB and FTC compliance management systems, ECOA, ADA, telemarketing and Truth-in-Lending Act compliance; tax; securities, including IPOs; bankruptcy and intellectual property. The reach of the firm's timeshare resort experience extends through all major resort regions of the United States and includes Canada, the Caribbean, Latin America and Mexico.

The firm's attorneys are active in virtually all areas of ARDA, serving on committees, speaking at conferences, and writing for ARDA publications. Ingersoll served as ARDA's general counsel for 35 years; Bloch was founding chairman of the ARDA International Foundation; and Stern is the current chairman of the Federal Issues Committee. Holland & Knight lawyers also edit the Resort Development Law Reporter and the State Digest of Land and Timeshare Regulations, which are leading resources on legal issues affecting the resort development and finance industries.

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