

While not very active at all, American Leasing remains a member of the National Association of Equipment Leasing Brokers and supports the programs and success of the organization. At one time the company belonged to all, but wants to remain a member for the group that does the most for brokers.

Readers of Leasing News have had the opportunity to see this answer several times, plus it has been addressed in other such complaints and lawsuits. First, almost all the lessees in 40 years were within one hour driving time, mostly in Silicon Valley, where we met the lessee and had the documents signed in front of us. Any competition was local, not out of the immediate area.

Eight years ago I started to wind down the company, downsizing, moving it three times to smaller offices, and almost three years ago, August, 2007, closed the office and moved into the house. American Leasing has no employees. It wrote one lease last year for a long time client. It wrote maybe six or seven the year before. Basically retiring at 65 three years ago as American Leasing has turned out to be a good decision in light of the industry today.

It is Leasing News' role in Bulletin Board complaints to get both sides, try to resolve them, as an "ombudsman" or "action line" would do, and if not resolved, to determine if they were "legitimate" in the opinion of the editor, to post the complaint to let reader's decide.

As to being "un-biased," when a writer signs his name to a column, he then is letting readers know that he is able to express an opinion and therefore to be "biased." Un-biased to news means being fair to all parties and giving all sides the opportunity to express themselves.