

Unincorporated Entity Owner Buyouts from the Inside Part 2: Drafting the Purchase Agreement

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To Redeem or Not to Redeem?

- "Redemption" conceptually limited by TBOC to partner's withdrawal matters, not defined for LLC interests
- "Withdrawal" unilateral action by the seller that carries consequences for the company
- Style reacquisition agreements as purchase/repurchase agreements

Drafting the Core Elements

Recitals

- a formal statement or setting forth of some matter of fact, in any deed or writing, in order to explain the reasons upon which the transaction is founded
- Helps third-party reviewers to understand the nature of the transaction in question
- Can potentially be used to make written representations for the buyer/seller

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Drafting the Core Elements

- Picking an Effective Date
 - Mutually agreed upon by the parties
 - Reflects the original agreement to the transaction
 - Tied to some specific event, such as the execution/closing date
 - Specific or retroactive dates?
 - Ok if not detrimental to a third party
 - may or may not be accepted by the IRS

Drafting the Core Elements

Consideration

- Detail the form/method of payment, timely delivery of the payment, etc.
- Depending on the included payment assets, consider including:
 - Disclaimers
 - Expanded definitions
 - Disclosures/waiver of disclosure
 - Promissory note/security agreement
 - Escrow/escrow agent
 - Post-closing performance window
- Avoid post-closing price adjustments if possible

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Drafting the Core Elements

Closing

- Intent is to provide certainty regarding the actual exchange of items between the seller and buyer
- Separate closings are not always necessary
 - Can perform a "sign and close" instead
- Generally choose a closing date that is later than the effective date
 - Allows time for representations and warranties information discovery
 - Allows time for buyer/seller to satisfy their representations and warranties, and to obtain all necessary sums or proofs of payment
 - But watch out for conflicts with retroactive effective dates





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