

## **OLYMPICS VENUE OWNER SUED IN LOS ANGELES**

On February 17, the National Law Journal reported that the operator of a luxury resort in Canada that is being used for the downhill skiing portion of the Vancouver 2010 Olympics is also facing a \$220 million lawsuit. The lawsuit against Intrawest, ULC and its travel arm Abercrombie & Kent was filed in Los Angeles County Superior Court and is pending for trial on June 1. Brian Kabateck, a partner with Kabateck Brown Kellner LLP, represents the plaintiffs in the case -- 540 former members of one of a destination club that went belly up in 2006. As a result, members lost more than \$220 million in fees and dues.

"Intrawest has been crying poverty, saying they don't have the money, have huge debt," Kabateck said. "They may not be completely liquid, but we also know that the Canadian government has substantially worked with them in setting up the Olympics. They have an entire Olympic Village in Whistler and in Vancouver they're operating. They are hugely benefiting from the Olympics."