

## Your Legal Questions

Paul Addison  
Partner & Solicitor



**Q** Whilst I was on holiday in Spain last week I signed a contract to purchase a time share but having thought about it further I do not wish to proceed with the purchase. What can I do?

**A** If you join a time share scheme in the European Economic Area (this includes all the countries in the European Union plus Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway), or sign a contract for the purchase of a time share in the UK, then you have the right to cancel the contract, for any reason at all, within 14 days of signing it. The seller is not entitled to take a deposit from you within the 14 day period after you signed the contract.

You will now have to act quickly and write to the seller stating that you are cancelling the contract. You should have been provided with a copy of the contract by the seller when you signed it (if you did not get a copy then the seller cannot in any event hold you to anything in the contract) and a cancellation form. You will need to complete and return the cancellation form to the seller ensuring that they receive it within the 14 day period.

If you had signed a contract for a time share outside the EEA then your rights will depend upon the law of the country where the time share is situated and the terms and conditions in the contract.

*Paul Addison is a Partner and Solicitor in the Civil Disputes & Litigation Department.*

*Direct dial 01934 637 906 / [addison@powellslaw.com](mailto:addison@powellslaw.com)*