

Corporate Legal Strategy: At the Frontier of Research and Practice

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The importance of strategy and this conference





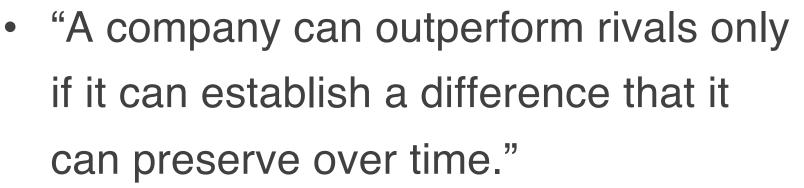




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- competitive advantage





 Porter on differentiation as a key factor for achieving a sustainable

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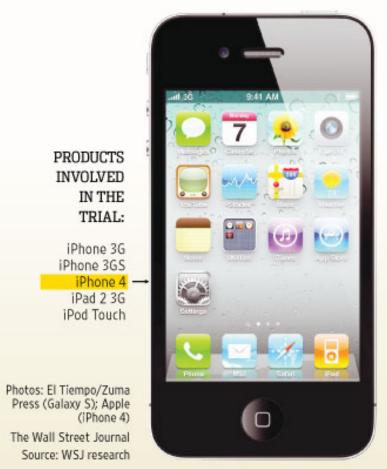
- strategic choke point



 Innovation can be an important source of differentiation, but it often does not lead to sustainable competitive advantage. Teece on why many innovators fail Appropriability levels (legal resources such as IP rights) may be weak, or not respected Downstream complementary assets may be the

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Free riding/imitation as a barrier to competitive advantage



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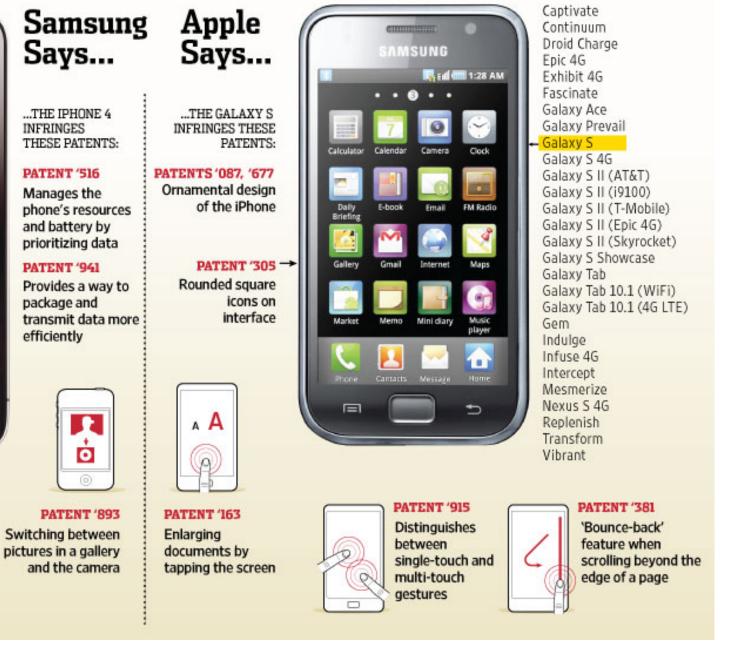
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A method

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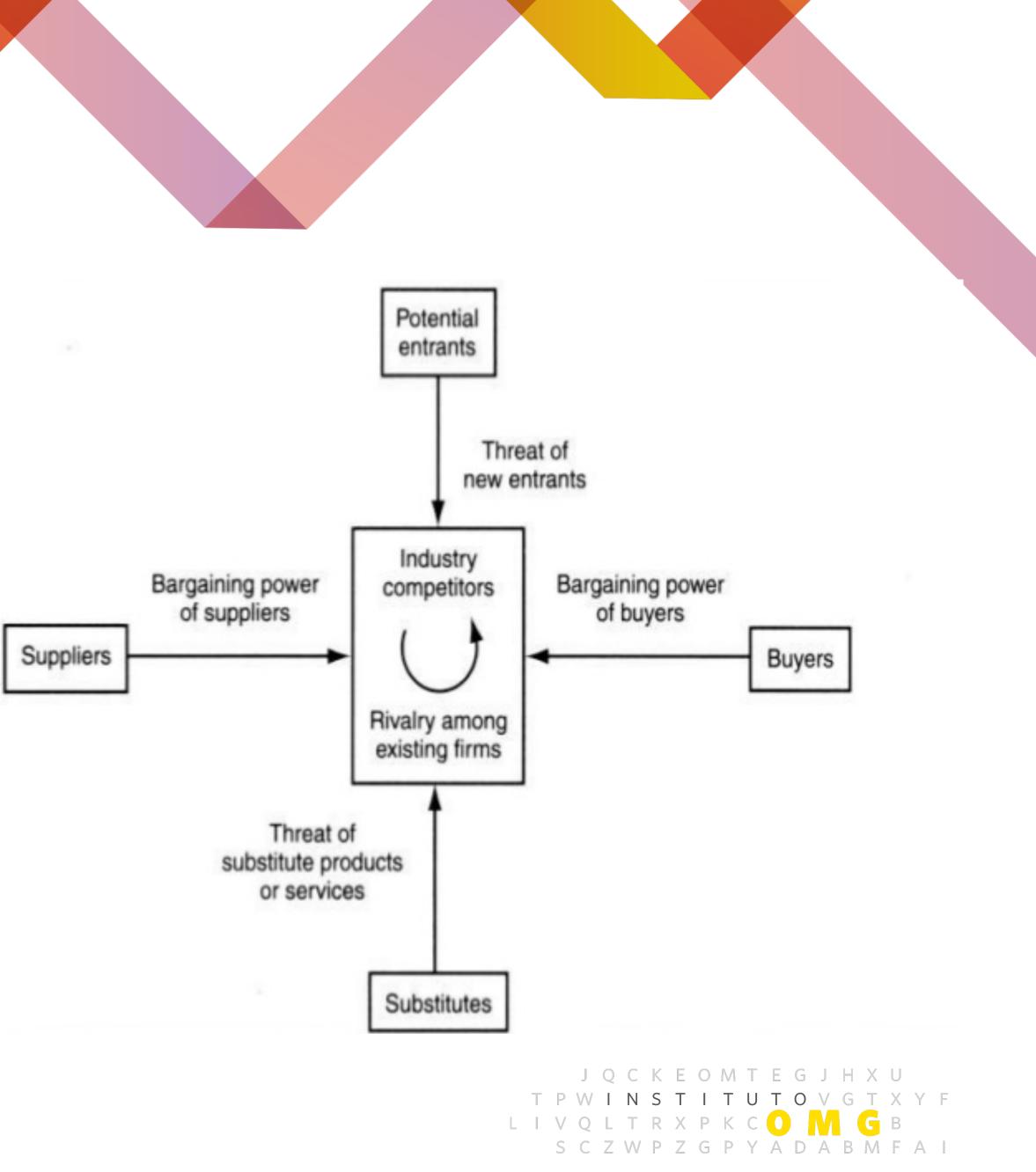
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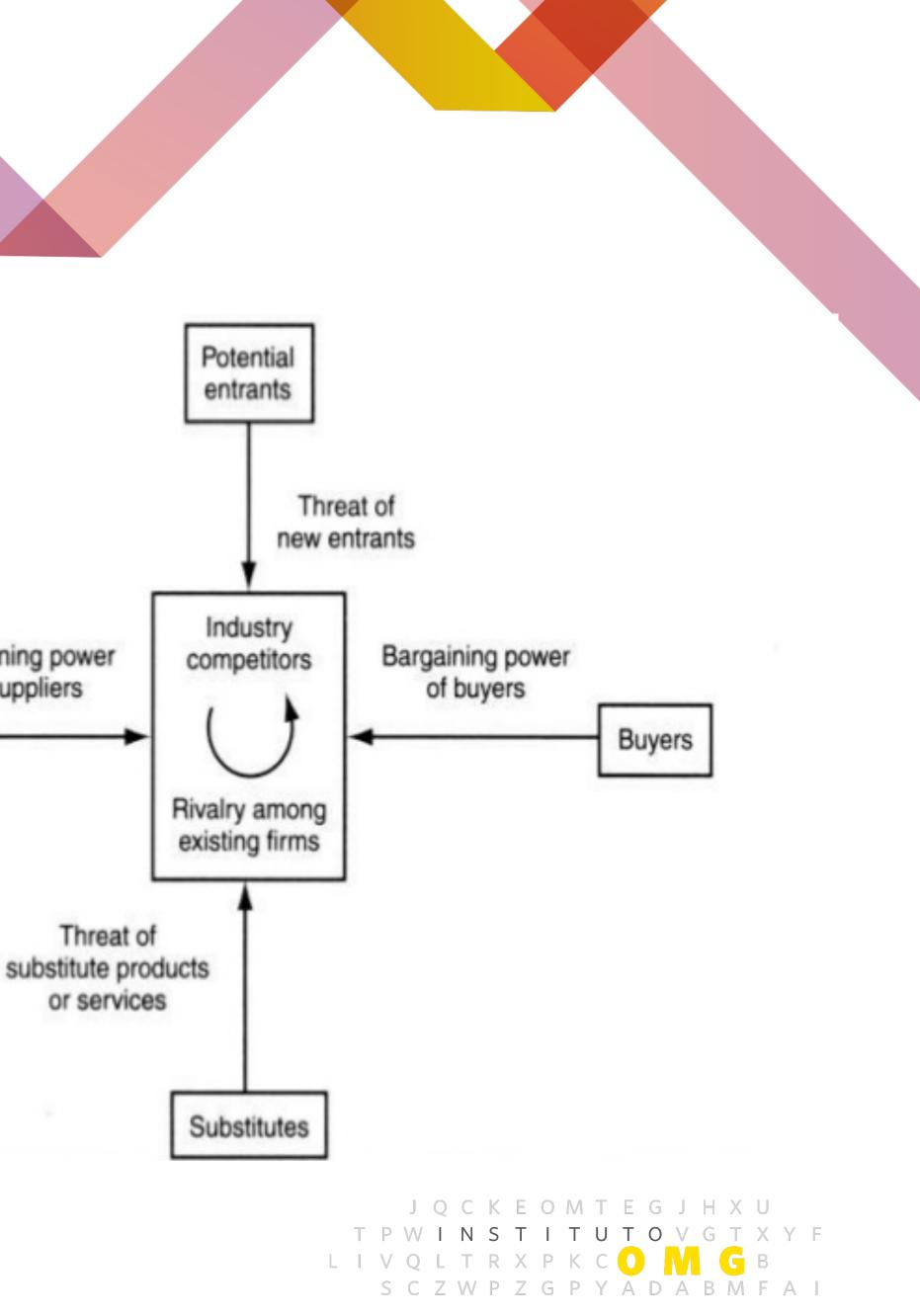
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Porter's 5 Forces

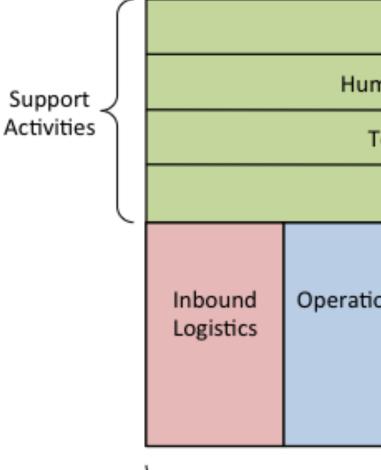






Porter's value chain activities

Strategic Complementary Assets





Firm Infrastructure			
man Resource Management			
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	Procurement	t	
ions	Outbound Logistics	Marketing And Sales	Service
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Primary Activities



Non-market strategy (Baron)

"The nonmarket environment is characterized by four l's:

- Issues
- Institutions
- Interests
- Information



"The nonmarket environment consists of the social, political, and legal arrangements that structure the firm's interactions outside of, and in conjunction with, markets."



Corporate Legal Strategy Today

- Constance E. Bagley (Yale) Legal Astuteness as a capability Legally astute managers
- George Seidel (U. Michigan) **Proactive law**
- Dan Ostas (U. Oklahoma) Legal strategy and ethics
- **Robert Bird (U. Connecticut)** The 5 pathways of legal strategy

All members of the Academy of Legal Studies in Business (alsb.org) Law professors who teach primarily in business schools



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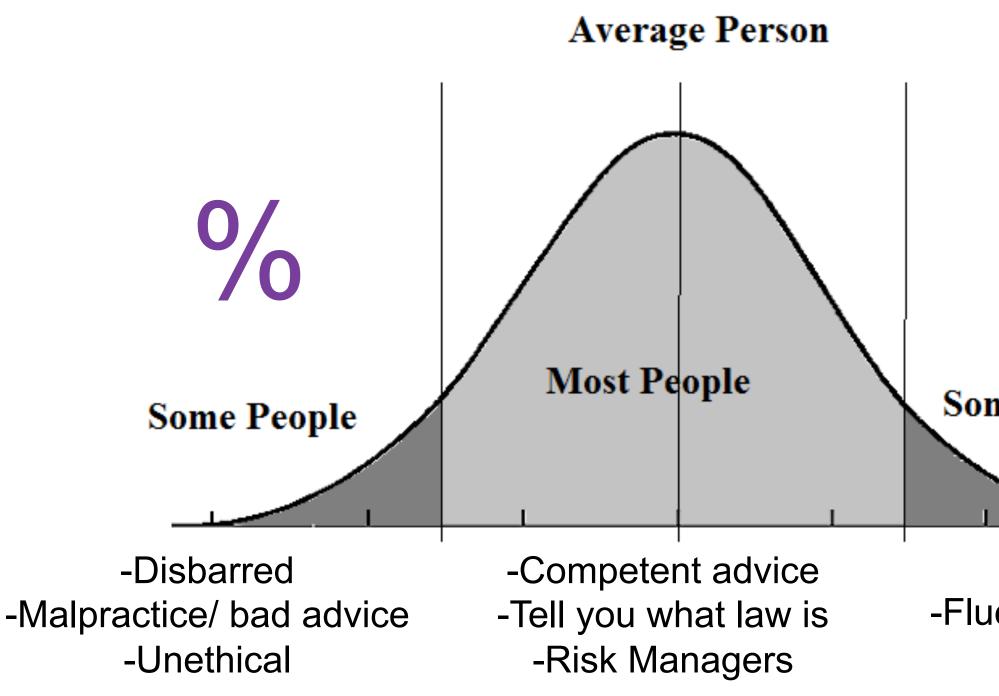
	MANAGERS' PERCEPTION OF THE LAW	MANAGERS'LEVEL OF LEGAL KNOWLEDGE	ROLE OF LEGAL COUNSEL	STRATEGIC OPPORTUNITIES
1. Avoidance	Law is viewed as a costly and random or arbitrary barrier to business.	Basic legal knowledge and awareness are often lacking. Legal knowledge is sought in limited cases to exploit regulatory loopholes and ambiguity.	Legal counsel often serves in an emergency role, fend- ing off legal threats and crises in a reactionary mode. In some cases, attorneys consciously avoid providing guidance on busi- ness matters.	Regulatory arbitrage
2. Compliance	Law is viewed as a necessary constraint on managerial action.	Managers possess basic knowledge of law as the ex- ternal "rules of the game."	Legal counsel plays a policing role, viewing its oversight role as necessary to police managerial conduct.	Limited to cases of strategic noncompliance
3. Prevention	Law can be used to preempt future discrete business-related risks.	Managers possess a good level of functional area-spe- cific legal knowledge sufficient to coordinate a business-issue preemption strategy with attorneys.	Legal counsel works with managers to identify specific future busi- ness risks that can be addressed with the law.	Available when the legal and competitive landscapes are strategically assessed
4. Value	Law is used with the goal of creating tangible, identifiable value.	Managers have a high degree of legal knowledge and its impact on the com- pany, although it can still be limited to functional areas, such as R&D and patent law.	Legal counsel is entrepreneurial and a partner in creating value.	Legal strategies that result in tangible value creation that can be accounted for in a financial statement, such as a cash-flow statement, in- come statement or balance sheet
5. Transformation	Law is an essential aspect of long-term strategic plan- ning for the business.	Sophisticated and broad levels of legal knowledge often cut across functional domains, for example, linking R&D and patent strategy with brand- ing and trademark strategy.	Legal counsel is entrepreneurial and a partner at the highest lev- els of strategic decision making.	Available as a long-term re- source when law is combined with the business model and core competen- cies of the company

5 Pathways of Legal Strategy (Bird & Orozco, MIT Sloan

Mgmt. Review)



Strategically Qualified (SQ) Attorneys





Some People

Strategic Competence

-Creative problem solvers -Fluent in business/ strategic thinkers -Tell you what law can be





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KET PRICE	\$ 45.50
SUBTOTAL	\$ 45.50
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CHRG TAX	\$ 0.52
ROCESSING	\$ 3.15
AL CHARGE	\$ 57. 52

At Ticketmaster, we strive to provide world-class service, one fan at a time.



Ticketmaster today



- 37-year old company





Started at Arizona State University

• 83% market share in 2010

Revenues of \$8,000,000,000 +



Industry timeline

Dates	Description
1966 – 1967	The first computerized ticketing system is developed by (TRS); The te
1967 – 1982	The emergence of a homogenous industry business ensues and Ticketron en
1982 – 1991	Fred Rosen joins start-up company Ticketmaster. Ros struggle then validate and scale a
1991 – 1998	Ticketmaster absorbs failing Ticketron and is the und Jam initiates antitrust suit and loses. Fred Rosen e th



by Ticket Reservation Systems technology becomes a reality.

s model; A shake-out process merges as the industry leader.

osen and Ticketmaster initially a pioneering business model.

disputed industry leader. Pearl exits the company as it grows hrough an online sales model.

A transformative CEO and attorney





Fredric D. Rosen



Business model:

- model?





• An explanation of how a company creates, delivers and captures value.

• What is Ticketmaster's business











Ticketing



Law and Strategy





How did Mr. Rosen rely on the law to sustain its business model?



Strategic Contracting Behavior

- He develop model
- Technology was not the differentiator
- Focus on the value chain choke-points
- Turned a cost into a benefit
- Made it difficult to imitate



He developed a contract-enabled business

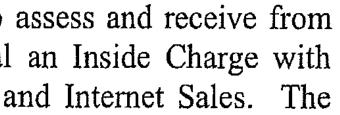


Contractually waived the inside charge

Inside Charges: Ticketmaster shall be entitled to assess and receive from (a) gross Ticket proceeds collected by it as an agent of Principal an Inside Charge with respect to each Ticket sold through Outlets, Telephone Sales and Internet Sales. The amount of the Inside Charge shall be as follows:

Type of Transaction	Inside Charge
Outlet sales	\$0.00 per Ticke
Telephone Sales and Internet Sales	The credit card Section 5 below
Other Tickets (including complimentary Tickets) printed by or on behalf of Principal	\$0.00 per Ticke





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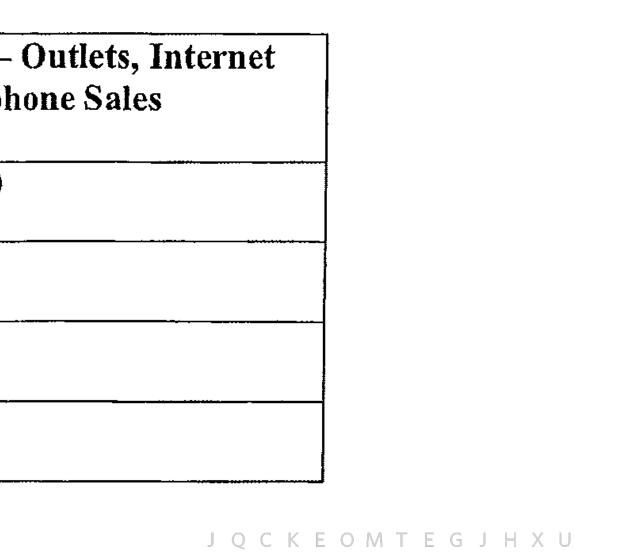
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Contractually designed shared convenience fees

(b) <u>Convenience Charge (Per Ticket)</u>: Subject to the provision of Section 5 of this Agreement, Ticketmaster shall assess a Convenience Charge against purchasers of Tickets for Tickets to all Attractions sold by Ticketmaster. The amount of the Convenience Charge for each applicable category of Ticket sale shall be as follows:

Face Value of Tickets	Convenience Charges – Sales and Telepl
\$14.99 and below	\$3.50
\$15.00 to \$24.99	\$6.25
\$25.00 to \$44.99	\$7.25
\$45.00 and above	\$7.75



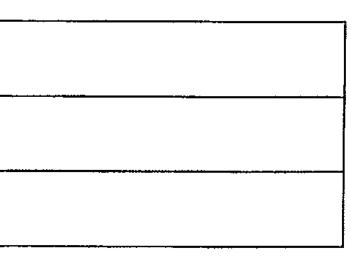


Contractually designed shared convenience fees, cont.

(e) <u>Principal's Royalties</u>: Principal shall be entitled to receive Ticket sales royalties (collectively, "Royalties") from Ticketmaster with respect to each Convenience Charge and Processing Fee; all to the extent received (and not refunded) by Ticketmaster. The amount of the Royalties are as set forth below:

Type of Royalty	Amount of Royalty
Convenience Charge	35% of the Convenience Charge
Processing Fee	35% of the Processing Fee





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Other strategic terms

Section 6. <u>Exclusive Rights</u>.

(a) Principal hereby grants to Ticketmaster, and Ticketmaster accepts from Principal, the exclusive right during the term of this Agreement to sell, as Principal's Agent, all tickets for any Attraction scheduled or presented by Principal at the Facility and made available generally to the public, via any and all means and methods, including, but not limited to, telephone, computer, television, and outlet sales.

Section 3. <u>Term of Agreement</u>. The term of this Agreement shall retroactively commence on March 1, 2012, and terminate on February 28, 2017. Thereafter, the Term of the Agreement shall automatically be renewed for successive three (3) year periods unless either party hereto notifies the other party in writing, not less than ninety (90) nor more than one hundred and twenty (120) days prior to the end of the then-current renewal period, of its intention not to renew this Agreement. Each twelve (12) month period commencing on March 1 and continuing through the following February 28 shall be a "Contract Year" as such term is used herein.



Which pathway?





- Avoidance
 - Compliance
- Prevention
- Value

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Transformation



A main goal in business

advantage"



Achieve "sustainable competitive

Ticketmaster has achieved this for 30+ years using strategic contracting practices



Thank you for your time and attention!

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