



## In the beginning...

- National and regional recognition for fast growth, excellence in management, and great places to work
- Growth by acquisitions and organic expansion



American Staffing Association

## Initial Ownership...

- S-Corp with initially only one owner
- Senior leadership added as company grew
- "Golden handcuffs"
- Buy-outs



American Staffing Association

# Add some family...

- Expansion into a new state with Don's sister and brother-in-law
- Don's cousin as risk manager
- Neil (me) joins TRN as first job
- Leisa (Neil's wife) joins TRN



## Add some family...

- Nick (brother) joins TRN after gaining experience outside company
- Amanda (sister) finds a completely different career
- Misc.: Grandmother, uncles and aunts
- Leisa brings a few cousins in



American Staffing Association

## **Succession Planning Begins...**

- Broaden experience
- Back-office, front-office, affiliate groups
- Management, senior management, executive
- Outside networking, leadership groups
- Passion for the industry, staff, and clients
- Appreciation for the culture
- Positioning for inevitable transition



American Staffing Association

#### We've got next...

2<sup>nd</sup> Generation:

- Earn respect
- No entitlement mentality
- Appreciate "extended" family
- Be patient
- Be prepared
- Lead by example
- Be approachable and authentic
- Learn the business
- Don't forget the clients



#### When I'm ready...

#### 1st Generation:

- Communicate
  - Long-term vision
  - Short-term tasks
  - Expectations
  - To all parties (family and "extended" family)
- Plan
  - Ownership is different than Leadership
  - Write it down
- Be aware
  - Changing business needs



American Staffing Association

#### Accomplishments...

- Successful transition of Neil to CEO effective Jan. 1, 2013
- No business disruption
- Positioned for future
- Maintained positive vendor/client relationships
- Formation of board of advisors
- Strategic realignment of business divisions

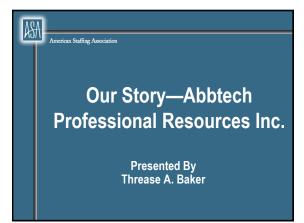


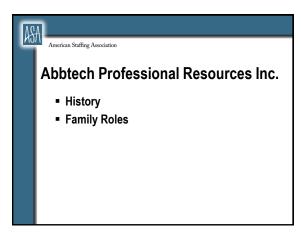
American Staffing Association

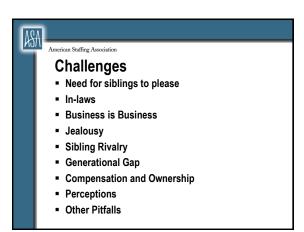
#### Next steps...

- ■Retain culture, legacy
- ■Set, execute strategic plan
- ■High-performance executive team
- Succession planning at all levels
- ■Work with Board of Advisors
- ■Refocus on customer
- ■Start thinking about 3<sup>rd</sup> generation

_			









#### To Do's

- Map family members to proper positions based on their skill and desire
- Have friends and interests outside the family and outside the business
- Don't let emotions mix family issues with business issues
- Create a family code of conduct
- Listen well
- You are the role model—perception is everything
- Don't forget the fun and humor



American Staffing Association

# Succession Planning—from the Next Generation's Perspective

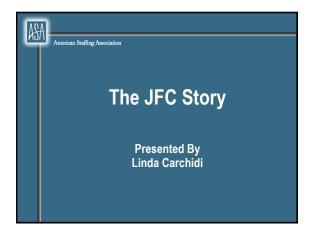
- What you need from your parent's
  - Develop values and capabilities
  - Select a successor
  - Plan for the successor's personal development
  - Assist family with mapping career plan
  - Transfer ownership and control
  - Build a family team of owners
  - Retain nonfamily managers
  - Prepare contingency plan for succession in crisis

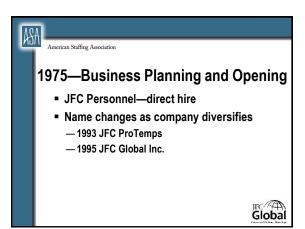


American Staffing Association

## **Succession Planning, Continued**

- Things you need to think about and give back to your parents:
  - A family emergency succession plan
  - Adopting your parents' baby
  - Create financial security for parents
  - Take charge of the succession
  - Demonstrate your ability
  - Put structures and strategies in place
  - Groom the next generation



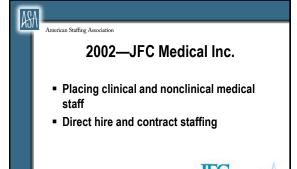


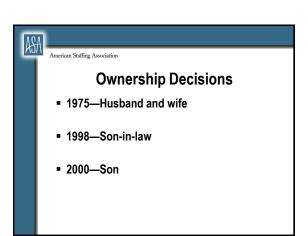




# 1992—Growing the Business

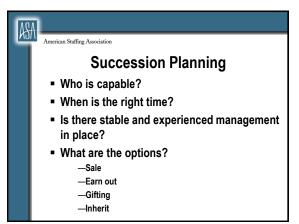
- Research and development of a training center
- JFC Career Development Center













## **Legal and Financial Considerations**

- Obtain sound legal and accounting advice
- Make decisions on options
- Develop necessary legal documents
  - -Contracts
  - -Wills
  - -Insurance policies
- Meet with banker and assure smooth transition
- Review all business contracts



American Staffing Association

#### Thank You for Attending

- Today's webinar has been recorded
- Recording will be available within two days
- Qualifies for continuing education credit



American Staffing Association

#### **Upcoming Webinars**

- May 16: Online Branding and Reputation Management —It's More Important Than You Think
- May 23: Protecting and Collecting Your Direct Placement Fees
- May 30: Gain a Competitive Advantage With ASA Certification

These ASAPro webinars each qualify for 1.0 active CE hour

