



Court upholds \$26m award against NY billionaire Tom Golisano

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LOS ANGELES -- A California appeals court has upheld a \$26 million award in a fraud lawsuit against the owner of the Buffalo Sabres hockey team and a company he founded.

The court in Los Angeles on Tuesday affirmed previous jury verdicts against Tom Golisano, Rapid Payroll Inc. and others.

Rapid licensed software to payroll processing businesses. In 2001, it abruptly canceled the license for a Palm Desert firm called Computer Payroll Co.

The lawsuit alleges breach of contract, claiming the cancellation was made after Rapid was acquired by a firm called Paychex and was aimed at destroying a Paychex rival.

Paychex was founded by Golisano.

A call seeking comment from an attorney for the defendants wasn't immediately returned Wednesday.

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