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Chinese airline awarded US\$1.7 million judgment against Florida flight school

Following the awards of a temporary restraining order and a preliminary injunction against Florida flight training school CAPT, LLC (CAPT) over the past few months, China-based Shandong Airlines, a provincial carrier based in Jinan, has this week won a US\$1.7 million judgment in its international contract dispute with the flight school. The airline had engaged CAPT, a school owned by Flight Training Services International (FTSI), to provide flight training to 24 of its Chinese pilot cadets over a 52 week period at the school's Florida facilities. According to the airline carrier's Complaint, CAPT had subsequently informed the airline carrier by way of letter that it considered the contracts "to be null and void" and requested that additional training money be paid, failing which it would withdraw sponsorship of all Shandong student visas. On 26 June 2009, US District Judge Timothy J. Corrigan ruled that Capt and FTSI were in the breach of contract and, following his judgment, granted a request for issuance of a writ of garnishment to garnish proceeds of an auction of CAPT's alleged remaining assets in Florida to prevent any further defrauding of Shandong Airlines. The airline carrier was represented by law firm Diaz Reus & Targ LLP.

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