

# Restaurant.com Trying to Avoid Penalties in Light of Rulings

✘ Restaurant.com is arguing in federal court that it shouldn't be forced to pay penalties for gift certificates it sold in the past, penalties that could go as high at \$1 million.

The company has been defending itself since 2010 against the class action suit filed by two New Jersey residents who bought gift certificates from its website, reports the *Chicago Daily Herald*.

From the *Daily Herald*:

Larissa Shelton and Gregory Bohus are suing Restaurant.com on behalf of themselves and others over certificates that had expiration dates and a disclaimer in violation of New Jersey law. That is no longer in dispute after being argued before the New Jersey Supreme Court.

What a U.S. Court of Appeals will decide is whether the rulings can be applied retroactively, in which case Restaurant.com could have to pay a penalty of \$100 each for certificates sold in the past – penalties that could total an estimated \$1 million.

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