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Relevant Industries

Retail Hospitality

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How Companies Are Surviving Out of Bankruptcy

Depth of Destruction

Means of Survival

- Cost reductions
- Government subsidy programs
- Existing sources of capital
- Debt moratoriums

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Forecasting Working Capital Needs

Formulating COVID-19 Assumptions

Managing to Operating Margins

Sources of Capital

- Existing stakeholders
- New private sources of capital; banks; commercial lenders; PE funds; distressed funds
- Government assistance

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M&A Market

Current and Future Outlook

Velocity and Nature of Deal Flow

Prospects for Distressed Investing in Arena of Uncertainty

Analysis by Industry

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Bankruptcy - Contract Issues

- Force Majeure French for "Superior Force"
- Contractual clause that forgives a party's obligation to perform based on specified events such as acts of God, war, natural disaster, or national health emergencies
- Pre-COVID considered boilerplate language, now critically important

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Bankruptcy – Feasibility

Section 1129(a)(11)

"Confirmation of the plan is not likely to be followed by the liquidation, or the need for further financial reorganization, of the debtor or any successor to the debtor under the plan, unless such liquidation or reorganization is proposed in the plan."

Courts consider whether the plan "offers a reasonable assurance of success. Success need not be guaranteed." In reJohns-Manville Corp., 68 BR 618 (Bankr: SDNY.1986), aff d,78 BR 407 (SDNY.1987), aff d sub nom. MacArthurv. Johns-Manville Corp., 837 F2d.89 (2d Cir.1988)

Debtors typically submit financial projections to demonstrate sufficient cash flow to fund the plan (i.e., pay administrative and priority claims) and maintain operations.

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Bankruptcy – Feasibility

Chapter 11 plans of reorganization have been denied for lack of feasibility

- Courts analyze adequacy of debtor's capital structure, earning power of its business, economic conditions, ability of management, probability of continuation of same management, and any other related matters
 - Paragon Offshore plc

Bankr: D. Del, Case No. 16-10386 (CSS), Docket No. 890

Las Vegas Monorail Company

Bankr. D. Nev., Case No. 10-10464 (BAM), Docket No. 1022

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Bankruptcy – Feasibility

How do you confirm a plan when the Debtor cannot meet the requirements of section 1129(a)(11)?

- 363 sale of substantially all assets prior to plan process
- Chapter 11 plan of liquidation (or plan of distribution)

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Bankruptcy – Feasibility

Chapter 11 **plans of liquidation** have been denied for lack of feasibility

- Courts analyze whether the liquidation itself is feasible, i.e., that it can accomplish what it proposes to do, in the time period allowed, on the terms set forth in the plan.
 - In re: Two Streets

597 B.R. 309 (Bankr: S.D. Miss. Feb., 26, 2019)

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Bankruptcy – Feasibility

What is the alternative when a Debtor cannot demonstrate feasibility?

- Structured Dismissals
- Conversion to Chapter 7

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Bankruptcy – Treatment of PPP Loans

Paycheck Protection Program

- PPP loan is forgiven if certain requirements are met
- If not forgiven, PPP loan is unsecured debt
- PPP loan proceeds provide liquidity that may be helpful in a feasibility analysis

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Chapter 11 vs Subchapter V

- Subchapter V, enacted in 2019 and set forth in sections 1181-1195 of the Bankruptcy Code, is designed to enable small businesses to reorganize in a more cost effective manner while retaining control of business operations
- The CARES Act temporarily increases the debt threshold for filing for relief under Subchapter V
- Prior to the CARES Act, the debt threshold was \$2,725,625
- Since the enactment of the CARES Act and until March 27, 2021, the debt threshold will be \$7,500,000
- After March 27, 2021, the debt threshold will revert to \$2,725,625

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Chapter 11 vs Subchapter V

- Why is a Subchapter V filing an attractive option?
 - The bankruptcy process is quicker
 - The bankruptcy process is more affordable
 - Plan confirmation is more likely
 - Debtors maintain control

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External Influences

COVID-19

- Vaccine development and distribution timeline
- Social distancing requirements
- Government subsidy program prospects
- Global economic and coronavirus impact

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Prospects for Restructuring/Long Term Impacts

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