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- Explore business reorganization strategies
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Major business bankruptcies and reorganizations abound these days. With the market still reeling from the effects of the subprime crisis, attorneys from all practice areas benefit from a solid understanding of the fundamental concepts of bankruptcy and reorganization. This outstanding program, led by a renowned faculty of experts including bankruptcy judges and leading practitioners, will help to build that much needed foundation in bankruptcy law. This practical nuts and bolts program will walk you through all of the elements involved in a corporate bankruptcy and reorganization. Learn how to navigate the intricacies of the filing process while exploring jurisdictional considerations, property of the estate issues, and ethical matters that might arise throughout the process. Then, analyze the corporate reorganization process while being brought up to speed on the latest developments, including relevant case law. This course is perfect for attorneys who want to learn or re-learn how to counsel their clients on bankruptcy issues in the most effective manner.

What You Will Learn

- When a business is in trouble, is bankruptcy the only answer?
- · Procedural requirements in bankruptcy and the role of the Debtor
- · How to commence voluntary and involuntary cases
- Defining property of the estate
- When is a Creditor claim "allowed"?
- · How is priority determined? How is subordination of claims determined?
- Practical considerations of running a business in Chapter 11
- Creating, accepting, and confirming the plan
- Discussion of the different kinds of business bankruptcy cases
- Preferences and fraudulent transfers
- Executory contracts and leases
- Important case law updates, including the U.S. Supreme Court's ruling in *Florida Dept. of Revenue v. Piccadilly Cafeterias, Inc.*
- One full hour of ethical considerations unique to bankruptcy

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PROGRAM

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Day One: 9:00 a.m. – 5:15 p.m.

Morning Session: 9:00 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.

9:00 The Road to a Business Bankruptcy A. The Distressed Business

- When is a business considered to be in distress?
- Benefits and disadvantages of assignment for benefit of creditors
- · Out of court composition as a Chapter 11 alternative
- Making a decision: Chapter 7 or Chapter 11?

SF, NYC & WEB: Lewis Kruger

B. Business Bankruptcy Cases— Fundamental Concepts You Need to Know

- Structure and substance of the Bankruptcy Code
- Basic Code concepts including:
 - Unsecured, secured, priority, and administrative claims
 - The bankruptcy estate
 - Automatic stay and relief from stay for cause
 - Dischargeable debt

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C. The Business Bankruptcy Cycle from Beginning to End

- Strategies of venue selection
- Financing arrangements
- Managing day-to-day operations
- The business reorganization plan
- · Plan confirmation and emergence from bankruptcy

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10:30 Break

10:45 Jurisdiction and Filing Considerations

A. Sources of Law and Research Tools

- The Bankruptcy Code
 - Legal treatises
 - On-line sites

SF & WEB: Gerald F. Munitz

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B. Bankruptcy Jurisdiction and Venue

- Overview of important jurisdiction concerns
 - Exclusive and non-exclusive jurisdiction
 - Abstention
 - Remand and removal
- Appeals process

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NYC: Hon. Robert Drain

C. Filing Insolvency Proceedings and Property of the Estate

- · Consequences of filing voluntary versus involuntary cases
- Defining property of the estate
- Exempt and excluded property
- The automatic stay
- Valuation issues

SF & WEB: Hon. Sheri Bluebond, Steven H. Felderstein NYC: Karen A. Giannelli, Joseph Samet

Afternoon Session: 1:30 p.m. - 5:15 p.m.

1:30 Allowance of Claims, Priorities, Subordination

- In-depth look at claim types unsecured, secured, priority, and administrative claims
- Overview of claim allowance process
- Equitable and contractual claim subordination

SF & WEB: Cecily A. Dumas, David G. Epstein NYC: David G. Epstein, Karen A. Giannelli, Lynn P. Harrison 3rd

2:30 Ethical Obligations in Bankruptcy and the Role of the U.S. Trustee

- Conflicts of law and disclosure issues
- Handling disputes involving compensation
- Retention of professionals
- Trustee appointment and outlining the trustees duties
- Compensating the trustee

SF & WEB: Arnold M. Quittner, Donna Tamanaha NYC: Michael L. Cook, Roberta A. DeAngelis, Arnold M. Quittner

3:30 Break

3:45 Operating a Business in Chapter 11

A. Financing

- Debtor in Possession (DIP) financing
- Use of cash collateral and surcharge
- · Doctrine of necessity
- · Lending considerations, prepayment, and other loan fees

SF & WEB: Kathryn A. Coleman NYC: Jane Vris

B. Sale of Encumbered Property

- Permission to sell property used outside ordinary course of business
- Sale of assets free and clear of liens
- Auctions
- Buyer protections
- Credit bidding
- Sale of co-owners' property
- Florida Dept. of Revenue v. Piccadilly Cafeterias, Inc.

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NYC: Joseph Samet, Jane Vris

5:15 **Adjourn**

12:15 Lunch

S C H E D U L E

Day Two: 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Morning Session: 9:00 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.

9:00 Aspects of Chapter 11

A. Bankruptcy Plans

- Developing the plan
- DIP, trustee, and examiners
- Chapter 11 reorganization plans

SF & WEB: Lewis Kruger

NYC: Debra A. Dandeneau

B. Disclosure Statements

- Filing the disclosure statement
- Bankruptcy Court hearing and approval

SF & WEB: Kathryn A. Coleman

NYC: Debra A. Dandeneau

C. Creditor Acceptance

- Requirements following approval
- Impaired and unimpaired creditors
- Voting criteria

SF & WEB: Van C. Durrer II NYC: Judith Elkin

11:00 Break

11:15 Chapter 11 Plan Confirmation

- Consensual and non-consensual confirmation
- Creditors election under Section 1111(b)
- and "cram down" provisions of the Code • Consequences of plan confirmation

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12:15 **Lunch**

Afternoon Session: 1:45 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

1:45 Survey of Cases: Single Asset Real Estate, Small Business, Individual Chapter 11, and Chapter 15 Cases

- Single asset real estate cases and applicable adequate protection requirements
- Timeline and eligibility of a small business case
- Confirmation criteria unique to individual Chapter 11 cases
- Brief introduction to Chapter 15

SF & WEB: Cecily A. Dumas, Arnold M. Quittner NYC: Hon. Robert Drain, Joseph Samet

2:45 Preferences and Fraudulent Conveyances

- Standing
- Elements of a preference
- Determining when the transfer occurred
- Exceptions to the Trustee's preference avoidance power
- Power to avoid fraudulent transfers

SF & WEB: Gerald F. Munitz, Peter S. Muñoz

NYC: Michael L. Cook, Karen Ostad

3:45 Break

4:00 Unexpired Leases and Executory Contracts

- Defining an executory contract
- Assumption, rejection or "ride through" and consequences
- Assignment
- · Leases as disguised security agreements
- Severability of bundled leases

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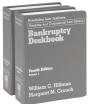
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