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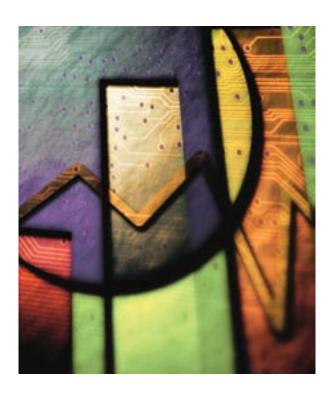


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THURSDAY MORNING, MARCH 3, 2005

Presiding Officer:

Professor Grant W. Newton,
Pepperdine University, Medford, Oregon

7:30 a.m. Registration Opens

Includes continental breakfast.

8:20 a.m. Welcoming Remarks

Kaaran E. Thomas and Grant W. Newton

8:30 a.m. .83 hr

Real Options, Valuation and Chapter 11: New Frontiers

Traditional valuation approaches are often difficult to apply to the valuation of the equity of financially distressed firms. This presentation describes how, by recognizing that the equity of a firm is an option on its assets, we can obtain useful insights regarding the value of equity claims and how a firm might be restructured to increase the value of the equity. It will illustrate the use of real options, that modify the payouts to debt and equity, as a means of valuing the claims on the cash flows for a firm operating under Chapter 11.

Tom Copeland, Monitor Group, Cambridge, MA

9:20 a.m. .5 hr

Valuation Expert and Legal Counsel: What Each Needs to Know About Each Other's Discipline

A discussion of the factors that will provide for effective representation by the valuation expert and counsel in dealing with business valuation issues.

Professor Grant W. Newton, Pepperdine University, Medford, OR

Evelyn H. Biery, Fulbright & Jaworski L.L.P., Houston, TX

9:50 a.m.

Valuing and Rating Distressed Debt—Part 1

This two-part panel discussion covers the valuation of the debt in a troubled operating company, including the perspectives of the rating agency; the perspective and strategies of purchasers of distressed debt; issues relating to distressed debt secured by real property, including related valuation and environmental issues; and special legal and restructuring considerations.

Moderator: Jay Krasoff, Chiron Financial Group, Houston, TX

Ben Barnett, Deloitte & Touche LLP, Dallas, TX

Donald F. Barrickman, Republic Financial Corporation, Aurora, CO

William H. Chew, Standard & Poor's Credit Market Services, New York, NY

Stephen M. Pezanosky, Haynes and Boone, LLP, Ft. Worth, TX

10:30 a.m. Break

10:45 a.m. .5 hr

Valuing and Rating Distressed Debt—Part 2

Continuation of distressed debt panel discussion.

11:15 a.m. 1.0 hr

Advising the Board In the Zone of Insolvency

A panel discussion of what advice management should receive from counsel when companies enter the "Zone of Insolvency."

Richard G. Mason, Wachtell, Lipton, Rosen & Katz, New York, NY

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THURSDAY AFTERNOON

.67 hr

12:15 p.m. Buffet opens

1:00 p.m.
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Sponsored Thursday Luncheon Presentation: The Emerging Economic Environment for Bankruptcy

.5 hr

Dr. Carl E. Steidtmann, Deloitte Research, New York, NY

1:30 p.m. Break

2:00 p.m. - 3:45 p.m. CONCURRENT SESSIONS

Track A: Legal Perspectives

2:00 p.m. .5 hr

Valuing Intangibles

A discussion of the current factors considered by courts in valuing various types of general intangibles.

David E. Leta, Snell & Wilmer L.L.P., Salt Lake City, UT

Bryan Benoit, Standard & Poor's Corporate Value Consulting, Houston, TX

2:30 p.m. .5 hr

A Lawyer's Guide to "Cost of Capital" and Its Application To Bankruptcy

A primer on the meaning and calculation of "cost of capital" and its use and misuse in Chapter 11 cases.

Michael H. Goldstein, Stutman, Treister & Glatt, P.C., Los Angeles, CA

3:00 p.m. .75 hr

Comparing Apples and Oranges: Buying and Selling Companies—Monetizing Elements of Different Asset Purchase Agreements

A discussion of methods used to quantify and negotiate the "intangible" benefits of a contract.

Joel R. Ohlgren, Sheppard, Mullin, Richter & Hampton LLP

2:00 p.m. - 3:45 p.m. CONCURRENT SESSIONS

Track B: Financial Perspectives

2:00 p.m. .5 hr

Cost of Capital

A discussion of recent research and issues and how alternative models are affected.

Roger Grabowski, Standard & Poor's Corporate Value Consulting, Chicago, IL

2:30 p.m. 1.25 hr

Evaluating Risk Factors on Emergence from Bankruptcy

A panel discussion of how execution, operational, liquidity, business cycle, and small company risks, as well as the risk associated with high operational or financial leverage are captured in the valuation of a company emerging from Chapter 11.

G.R. Christon, FTI Consulting, Dallas, TX **Tracy Gopal,** Giuliani Capital Advisors LLC, Atlanta, GA

Jim Langdon, Moore & Van Allen PLLC, Charlotte, NC

Bernard Pump, Deloitte & Touche LLP, Chicago, IL

3:45 p.m. Break

4:05 p.m. 1.5 hr

Accessing Capital Markets: How to Find Sources of Capital for Troubled Companies

The panel will discuss the current trends and markets for debt and equity for distressed assets and companies with an emphasis on the perceived valuation, valuation risks and opportunities. Included in this session will be a comparison of lending and investment practices between healthy and distressed situations, capital sources available in different circumstances, and surveys of capital providers to distressed and Chapter 11 debtors.

How important are valuation reports and under which circumstances? What valuation methodologies fit which investment or lending situation? What type of lenders/investors fit best into distressed situations and industries?

Moderator: Robert E. Ogle, Huron Consulting Group, Houston, TX

Kevin F. Cross, Cerberus Capital Management, Los Angeles, CA

James D. Decker, Houlihan Lokey Howard & Zukin, Atlanta, GA

Mitchell Drucker, CIT Group, Inc., New York, NY 5:35 p.m. Adjourn to Reception

FRIDAY MORNING, MARCH 4, 2005

Presiding Officer: Kaaran E. Thomas, Beckley Singleton, Chtd., Las Vegas, NV

7:30 a.m. Registration Opens

Includes continental breakfast.

8:00 a.m. 1.0 hr

Emerging Valuation Issues and Their Practical Application in Court

The effect of current accounting/SEC changes on cash flow and market multiples; cost of capital; terminal value; troubled companies; reorganization value; and premiums and discounts.

Thomas Blake, Charles River Associates, Inc., Boston, MA

Professor Richard Ruback, Harvard University, Boston, MA

9:00 a.m Break

9:10 a.m. .5 hr

Till and its Ramifications for Valuing A Payment Stream In Cramdowns

A discussion of the recent Supreme Court Case, *Till v. SCS Credit Corporation*, 124 S.Ct. 1951, 158 L.Ed.2d 787, (2004) by Eric Brunstad, head of the team of attorneys representing the lender.

G. Eric Brunstad, Jr., Bingham McCutchen LLP, Hartford, CT

9:40 a.m. 1.25 hr

Current Developments and Future Prospects: Assessing the Airline Industry's Wager on its Future—A Roundtable Discussion

As the brochure for VALCON II went to press at Thanksgiving 2004, ATA, United and US Airways were in Chapter 11 reorganization with uncertain future prospects; Delta was attempting to avoid bankruptcy; Air Trans, America West and Southwest were embroiled in a distressed M&A battle to consolidate control of Chicago Midway; and the entire industry was bracing for an uncertain winter marked by continuing high fuel costs, unprecedented reductions in revenue streams for trophy routes and increased competition from low-cost carriers.

Moderator Jack Butler leads a star cast of financial advisors and investment bankers advising the airline industry in a recap of the developments of 2004 and the first quarter of 2005, followed by discussion of the "prosper or perish" wagers laid on the line by legacy and low-cost carriers alike. (continued)

9:40 a.m. Panel:

Moderator: John Wm. ("Jack") Butler, Jr., Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP, Chicago, IL

Thomas J. Allison, Corporate Advisory Services, Huron Consulting Group LLC, Chicago, IL

Timothy R. Coleman, The Blackstone Group, New York, NY

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Daniel G. Montgomery, Kroll Zolfo Cooper LLC, Roseland. NJ

Jonathan Rosenthal, Saybrook Capital, LLC, Santa Monica, CA

Todd R. Snyder, Rothschild, Inc., New York, NY

10:55 a.m. Morning Break—full breakfast buffet

11:15 a.m. .75 hr

What really is a "Comparable" Company?

How do we define comparable companies? What adjustments should be made? What should you know about this approach before you rely on a valuation?

Thomas E. Lumsden, FTI Consulting, Inc., San Francisco, CA

Paul S. Aronzon, Milbank, Tweed, Hadley & McCloy LLP, Los Angeles, CA

12:00 p.m. .5 hr ethics

Current Issues for Legal and Financial Professionals—Retention, Indemnification, Privilege and Other Topics

A discussion of important issues that financial professionals engaged by a bankruptcy estate must take into account in anticipation of or during the representation.

Shai Y. Waisman, Weil, Gotshal & Manges LLP, New York, NY

Marcia L. Goldstein, Weil, Gotshal & Manges
LLP, New York, NY

12:30 p.m. 1.0 hr

Merging and Acquiring Troubled Companies

The panel will discuss legal and financial issues involved in the decision to merge or acquire troubled companies.

Marcia L. Goldstein, Weil, Gotshal & Manges LLP, New York, NY

Harvey R. Miller, Greenhill & Co., LLC, New York, NY

Robert Parrino, The University of Texas at Austin, Austin, TX

1:30 p.m. Adjourn

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