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## BANKRUPTCY

Responding to the changing economic and financial marketplace, the Firm's Bankruptcy and Corporate Reorganization practice has grown rapidly in the last few years. Attorneys in this area are skilled in meeting the varied challenges of the bankruptcy system. Our bankruptcy client representation includes:

- Financial Institutions
- Creditors
- Receivers
- Trustees
- Creditors' Committees in Court Proceedings
- Unofficial Creditors' Committees in Out-of-Court Situations
- Buyers of Assets
- Investors

We attempt, whenever possible, to resolve debtor/creditor issues in an out-of-court workout. Experience has shown that this approach often leads to beneficial results for our clients with considerable cost savings over the expense and risk of litigation. When reaching an out-of-court settlement is impossible, we appear in proceedings before the United States Bankruptcy Courts, the United States District Courts and state courts throughout Florida.

Among the matters we routinely handle for clients are:

- Chapter 11 reorganization proceedings
- Out-of-court workouts
- Chapter 7 liquidation proceedings
- Chapter 13 adjustments of debts of individuals
- Assignments for the benefit of creditor proceedings
- State court corporate liquidations
- Risk planning analysis and management
- Purchases from distressed situations
- Creditor committee representation
- Trustee representation

Attorneys within this practice area employ a team approach in the representation of our clients. We use the level of skill appropriate to each matter to reduce our clients' legal expenses. It also enables us to resolve multidisciplinary matters that may involve the services of other Firm practices.

Sophisticated real estate workout and foreclosure matters, for example, are handled with the Firm's real estate lawyers and litigators; distressed assets purchases often involve a cooperative effort with our corporate and real estate lawyers and estate and risk planning is undertaken with our estate planning and tax practices. It is our belief that this team approach enhances the quality and comprehensive nature of the representation we provide our clients.