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Focus

The *Journal*, which publishes eight times per year, focuses on the broad range of legal issues about which banks and other lenders and creditors must be aware before they extend credit – and that are particularly crucial when they are seeking to recover their loans.

We believe that bankruptcy-related subjects have never been more relevant. Thus, we seek to provide you with sophisticated, practical, and up-to-the minute information about structuring transactions to lower risks, out-of-court restructurings, and insolvency and bankruptcy issues involving both corporate and consumer debtors both in the U.S. and abroad. We have a broad editorial focus.

Articles in the *Journal of Bankruptcy Law* explore issues that arise in Chapter 11 reorganization cases, Chapter 7 liquidations, and Chapter 13 cases – as well as under other chapters of the Bankruptcy Code. Our authors examine the legal questions that creditors and their advisors must consider in out-of-court debt restructurings. Relevant securities law, corporate governance issues, and corporate and tax law questions also are part of our focus.

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Guidelines

The *Journal* is completely written by outside authors, primarily lawyers. We welcome thoughts lawyers might have on columns that could appear regularly.

Articles should be, at a minimum, approximately 2,500 words or so in length, including endnotes; longer articles – including much longer articles – are welcomed.

We accept articles that have not been previously published. However, authors and columnists may reproduce their articles and columns, and place them on their Web sites, with attribution to and after publication in the *Journal*.

Any bankruptcy law topic may be appropriate for an article for the *Journal*, and any perspective may work.

An article may discuss a transaction or matter in which the author has been involved so long as the author clearly discloses the involvement to the editor and includes a reference to that involvement in the author's bio.

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All articles must be submitted via e-mail, in Word, as an attachment. All charts, graphs, and tables should be typed or professionally typeset and must be submitted via e-mail.

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First reference to any persons should include full names. Authors are responsible for verifying correct spelling and titles. First references to entities should include the entity’s full title, followed by the acronym (if any) that will be used throughout the rest of the article, in parentheses.

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Thanks for your interest!

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