

# guidance



### **Morgan Lewis helps its clients capitalize on distressed, turnaround, and special situation opportunities in the current economy.**

Today's turbulent financial markets pose unprecedented challenges. The Morgan Lewis Distressed Company Task Force enables our clients to capitalize upon these challenges quickly and efficiently. Our Task Force reaches across our international platform, affording our clients an integrated solution to their transactional needs. The Task Force comprises attorneys from our internationally recognized M&A, private equity, finance, tax, securities, and restructuring practices and is supported by our top-ranked labor and employment, employee benefits, environmental, fund formation, and antitrust practices.

#### **morgan lewis fast facts**

Top 15 M&A transactions firm: *Thomson Reuters, Mergermarket, Bloomberg, and Buyouts* (2011)

One of three firms in the nation named to BTI consulting Group's Client Service Hall of Fame (2011)

Advised on more than 550 M&A transactions in the last five years with a combined market value of more than \$200 billion

Ranked as the top law firm in *Corporate Counsel* magazine's listing of "Who Represents America's Biggest Companies?" (2011)

Consistently ranked in the top 10 of the *Daily Deal*'s list of law firms active in corporate bankruptcies, based on active bankruptcy cases

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## The Distressed Company Task Force regularly counsels clients on:

- The acquisition, disposition, and restructuring of companies with complex and multitiered debt and equity structures, as well as carve-out and specific asset acquisitions from these companies
- Restructuring and recapitalizing private equity and venture-backed portfolio companies
- Debt acquisition strategies to exert influence in the restructuring process and gain postrestructuring control
- Workforce reduction issues
- Debt swaps
- Bankruptcy Code Section 363 sales
- Loan-to-own and buy-your-own transactions
- Complex workout issues
- Bankruptcy
- Investments in private and public company securities
- The unique governance issues attendant to competing equityholder interests

## distressed, turnaround, and special situation opportunities

Morgan Lewis is one of the most active law firms in distressed, turnaround, and special situation merger and acquisition opportunities. In the current economy, those opportunities are emerging in almost every industry and on a global scale.

### experience

Our Distressed Company Task Force brings together a team of lawyers working seamlessly across multiple disciplines to help our clients take advantage of the opportunities and meet the challenges of today's markets.

We represent a broad array of clients in a variety of industries, including private equity funds, venture capital funds, and entrepreneurs seeking to purchase businesses at a discount, as well as large multinational strategic purchasers. The diversity of experience found in the Task Force members enables us to deploy a team of professionals that is immersed in the unique interests and issues that are particular to the individual client.

The Task Force is supported by employee benefits, labor and employment, environmental, fund formation, and antitrust attorneys across our 22 offices. The team's command of transaction-related issues, coupled with our firm's broad resources, translate into fast and efficient execution of transactions for our clients.

### identifying opportunity

We assist clients in identifying new transaction opportunities through relationships with existing clients, and through our extensive contacts with investment banks and business intermediaries. We also facilitate targeted introductions of clients to these opportunities.

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