



## Client Update – Meet Our Most Valuable Asset: Our Team

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Dear Friends,

These recent weeks have certainly brought unexpected change and disruption into our lives.

They have ushered in unprecedented challenges, to be sure, but they have also revealed a palpable and growing spirit of community and solidarity to embrace. We are in this together and change really is the only constant in our lives.

DarrowEverett is ready to help clients navigate the days ahead in making necessary adjustments and restructuring of assets or debts in order to alleviate financial pressures.

As a firm with diversified practice groups involved in commercial litigation, commercial real estate, corporate, business and lending transactions as well as workout and insolvency, DarrowEverett is able to blend this complimentary experience in helping distressed businesses and their lenders and investors. The firm has the capacity to quickly and cost-effectively analyze and develop strategies for companies experiencing financial difficulties.

We would like to take this opportunity to introduce the newest members of our firm and practice, who will help oversee our Bankruptcy, Receivership, and Workout Practice Group – Thomas E. Carlotto and Esperanza Segarra.

**Thomas E. Carlotto**, a partner at DarrowEverett, has 21 years of experience representing parties involved in workout, restructuring, insolvency proceedings and litigation related to such matters. He has represented secured creditors, trade creditors, landlords, equity holders, purchasers of assets and other parties in interest in bankruptcy, receivership, Chapter 11 reorganizations, Chapter 7 liquidations and out-of-court workouts. In addition, he has represented secured creditors and asset purchasers in relation to real and personal property foreclosures, and has also participated in the financial restructuring of businesses in numerous industries, including real estate, manufacturing, retail, wholesale, technology, service, health care, agriculture and fishing. Thomas has a broad range of litigation experience in both state and federal court insolvency and bankruptcy cases.

**Esperanza Segarra**, serving as Of Counsel at DarrowEverett, has 19 years of experience handling complex commercial litigation and specialized receiverships including the receiverships of defunct insurance companies. She has represented a state department of financial services, as receiver, of an insolvent insurance company in an action against an international insurance conglomerate for damages in excess of \$24M, and representing the same state agency as receiver of multiple defunct insurance companies in the largest insolvency case in the state's history and one of the largest in the country, involving complex legal issues before state receivership court, district tax proceedings, federal bankruptcy court Chapter 11 reorganizations and liquidations, several bankruptcy adversary proceedings and district court bankruptcy appeals.



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In addition, she has represented the receiver in the court-appointed receivership of a high-end Miami Beach hotel and multiple creditors in Chapter 11 and Chapter 7 bankruptcy proceedings.

**James Atchison**, also on the team, has thirteen years' experience serving as a Court-appointed receiver and representing various stakeholders and in state insolvency proceedings and shareholder disputes, in and out of court corporate restructurings, distressed asset acquisition, loan workouts, creditors' and debtors' rights, business litigation and general corporate matters. Jim also represents debtors, landlords, tenants, and secured and unsecured creditors in Chapter 11 bankruptcy proceedings, and has represented bankruptcy trustees, government entities, and secured and unsecured creditors in hundreds of Chapter 7 bankruptcies.

Jim has represented the Special Master in the restructuring and sale of a 214-bed hospital and rehabilitation facility, represented the debtor in a Chapter 11 reorganization and sale of a \$60 million dollar a year national security alarm company, and served as or represented the receiver or bankruptcy trustee in the sale of and low income housing tax credit apartment complex, numerous construction companies and contractors, manufacturing companies, restaurants, and commercial real estate developers, owners, management companies, as well as a diverse array of other industries.

Additionally, other members in the practice group include **Kevin Gildea**, who has prior experience as a court-approved liquidation manager of the bankruptcy estate of a former public company with over two hundred subsidiaries; successfully negotiated and re-structured \$2 billion in debt on behalf of a public holding company with one of the largest banks in the country; and in Chapter 11 reorganizations, loan workouts, corporate spin-offs, and liquidation of assets, entities, joint ventures and partnerships.

Kevin also works with **Joshua Berlinsky** and **Zachary Darrow** on the workout side, where they draw upon the full measure of their business and crisis management experience to assist clients.

Every single member of our practice is savvy, resourceful and battle-hardened. Our team is our most valuable asset and can be yours as well during any challenging sea-change. If or when the time comes, you can avail yourself of our team's expansive knowledge and leverage our collective resources and experience to provide the best possible solutions and outcomes.

We can walk you through all available options and tools at Darrow Everett's disposal. We are privileged to stand by your side and support you with insightful options and measured approaches in meeting any financial challenges you face now or into the future.

Sincerely,

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Attorneys and Business Advisors

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