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Cost-Effective Solutions for Complex Problems

THE FAMILY WHOSE MULTIGENERATION BUSINESS HAS fallen on hard times. The seatbelt manufacturer whose orders dwindled in the wake of the auto industry's slump. The real estate developer whose dreams vanished in the housing crash.

"These are people who once made a good living," says David L. Neale, co-managing partner of Levene, Neale, Bender, Rankin & Brill, one of the region's leading bankruptcy firms. "Now they are experiencing dramatic changes that affect them both personally and professionally."

When business owners face financial difficulty, they need effective, efficient solutions that preserve value and, at the same time, propel them toward a more promising future. They need LNBR&B.

A DEDICATED FOCUS Ranked among the busiest U.S. bankruptcy firms by *The Deal*, a financial and legal publication, LNBR&B solely handles matters involving bankruptcy, insolvency, business reorganization and related litigation—both for companies and individuals. The firm is so well known and well-respected that the bulk of its business comes from attorney referrals.

"We concentrate on one practice area, and we do it well," Neale says. Indeed, 10 firm attorneys are on the 2010 *Southern California Super Lawyers*[®] list. The firm recently merged with Robinson, Diamant & Wolkowitz, a celebrated Century City bankruptcy firm founded in 1962. Six new partners have joined LNBR&B from RDW, three of whom are honored in 2010 *Super Lawyers*.

EXPERIENCED AND DETERMINED Because they delve into the same area of law day in and day out, the attorneys know when to avoid reinventing the wheel and when to find creative, out-of-the-box solutions.

"We are completely dedicated to obtaining the best possible outcome for each client, whether the client is seeking to reorganize or position itself for acquisition, and the firm's lawyers work tirelessly towards that end," says Ron Bender, the firm's other co-managing partner. "The firm's attorneys fully grasp what is at stake for the firm's clients and the financial pressures facing them. We determine our clients' goals and pursue the most cost-effective way to achieve them."

The firm also takes a business-savvy approach to client service. Ask young attorneys for whom they're working and they will name the client—not the supervising partner. Because many of the firm's clients are businesses in the \$5 million to \$500 million range, the attorneys develop personal relationships.

Co-founder David W. Levene says that representing a distressed business involves working intensely under stressful circumstances to save a company. "Even after all these years, we still get satisfaction from being part of a process where we can help a client recover and help create a future for their business. The gratification comes from knowing that something good has happened to the owners and employees of a client company and that we were able to be part of the process," says Levene.

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