Chapter 11 First Week Time Table

While no two Chapter 11 bankruptcies are the same, there is, to a limited extent, a general timetable of events that applies in most cases. It should be noted, however, that the time in which it take a debtor to submit and the court to confirm a plan of reorganization varies tremendously depending upon the complexity and the size of the case. The following is a list of events that typically occur within the first week after the bankruptcy petition is filed:

- 1. The automatic stay goes into effect upon the filing of the bankruptcy petition. See answers to question #3 in the Q and A
- 2. The Debtor files a series of First Day Motions to enable it operate in bankruptcy and asks the court to rule on these immediately. See answer to question #4in the Q and A.
- 3. The Court signs a number of First Day Orders including one which authorizes the Debtor to pay the wages and benefits of its employees that were earned prior to the filing.
- 4. The Court provides at least interim approval of the debtor-in-possession financing. See answer to question # 7 in the Q and A.
- 5. The U.S. Trustee appoints a Creditors Committee. See answer to question #9 in the Q and A.
- 6. The Creditors Committee holds its first meeting some time during the first week.