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Contingency Planning for Distressed Institutions of Higher Education

Webinar

As we wrote in a [recent blog post](#), “COVID-19 did not descend upon a higher education community that was in a place of strength and prosperity. Rather, it has further disrupted an industry that already was experiencing a period of considerable disruption. As a consequence, institutions that were in mild distress may find their challenges amplified, and those whose position was precarious before may find themselves on the precipice.”

Thompson Coburn’s Higher Education Practice will host a special, 90-minute webinar concerning contingency planning for stressed and distressed institutions of higher education. The panelists will review and discuss options for institutions that are, or anticipate that they may soon be, experiencing a period of financial distress. The conversation will cover internal restructuring, merger and acquisition strategies, and orderly closures, with a focus on near term strategy and planning.

[Aaron Lacey](#), Chair of the firm’s Higher Education Practice, will moderate the discussion. He will be joined by [Craig Dean](#), Managing Principal with AEG Partners, and [Brian Dietze](#), Head of Education Investment Banking with Stifel Financial Corp. We invite campus leadership and other interested parties to join. The webinar is free to attend, and will be available on-demand after the presentation.

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The live presentation of this webinar was approved for 1.0 hours of general CLE credit in California and Illinois and 1.8 hours of general CLE credit in Missouri. CLE credit in Texas is pending. CLE credit is no longer available for this recording.

Presenters

Craig Dean, Managing Principal with AEG

With more than 25 years of experience as a turnaround professional, Craig has worked on a broad spectrum of corporate challenges, from underperforming companies seeking to improve profitability to stressed and severely distressed situations. His experience includes working in the distressed education arena involving operational, regulatory, and accrediting matters.

Brian Dietze, Head of Education Investment Banking with Stifel Financial Corp.

Brian Dietze leads the Education Investment Banking Group at Stifel which he joined in 2007. Mr. Dietze has worked extensively in the education and training industries. The Education Group’s focus includes early childcare, K-12, postsecondary, educational content and publishing, continuing education and education technology and services sectors.

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