Baker Donelson's Financial Institution Advocacy Group Webinar Series: Unique Issues and Strategies in Effectively Dealing with Defaulted Tenant in Common Borrowers

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## **Overview**

Unique Legal Rights of Tenant in Common Borrowers and Tenant in Common Property

Dealing with Tenant in Common Borrowers after Default

Foreclosure & Enforcement of Remedies in a Tenant in Common Borrower Loan

Bankruptcy Issues with Tenant in Common Borrowers

# I. Introduction



Like kind exchange under section 1031 of Internal Revenue Code

# Structure

## **II.** Formation of a TIC Transaction

# Offering Memorandum

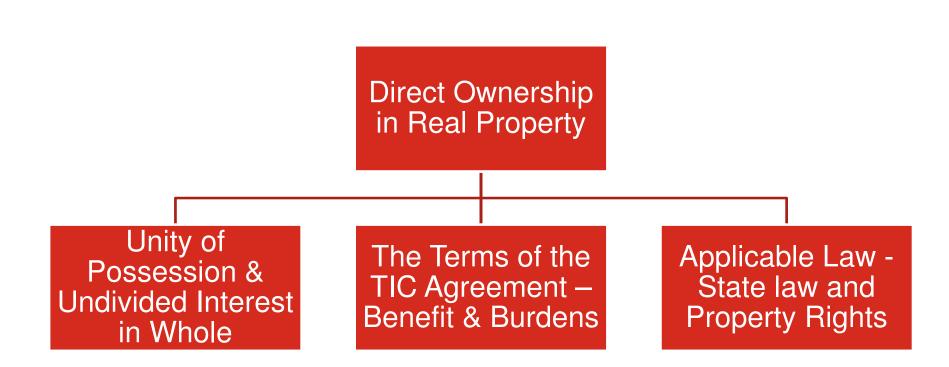
#### Sponsor offers TIC Interests to Accredited Investors

- Lender Not Part of Process
- Confirm
  - Is Lender is Identified?
  - Assurances & Representations of Loan

# Loan Document Covenants –

- No Violation of Securities Law in Offering Memorandum
- Accurate & No Omission of any Material Information
- General Indemnity Provisions to Protect Lender

# III. Unique Legal Rights of a TIC & TIC Member



# **IV. TIC Multiple Ownerships Issues & Liability**

Each TIC Must be a Borrower under the Loan Documents

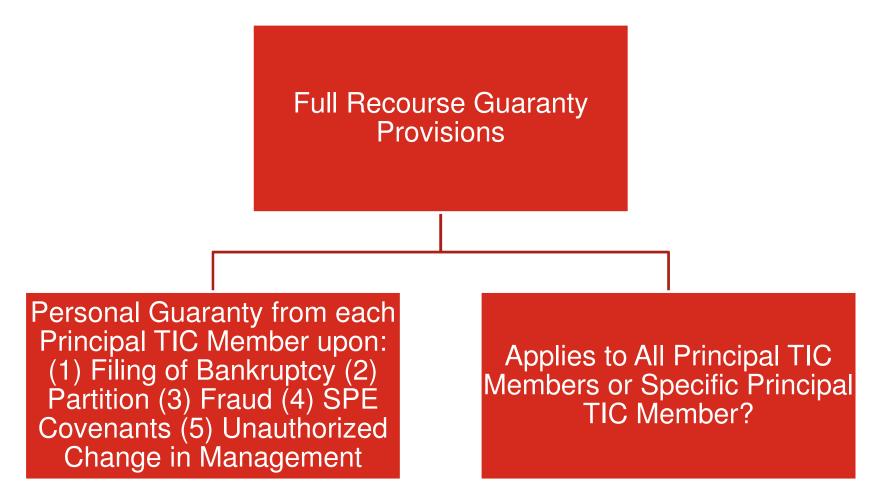
TIC Agreement - Proportional Liability based on % Ownership Interest

Loan Documents – Each TIC Jointly and Severally Liable for all of Borrowers' Obligations & Rights of TIC Owners Subordinate to Mortgage

Centralized Management of Day to Day Operations

Unanimous Consent for Major Decisions – (1) Amend Loan (2) Sale of Property (3) Major Improvements

# IV. TIC Multiple Ownerships Issues & Liability (continued)



# V. Partition – Rights of a TIC to Seek Partition

Inherent Right of Partition & Difficulties as to Commercial Real Estate

# Waiver of Right to Partition?

- Limit in Time (State Law) v. Restriction on Right of Alienation
- Tax Treatment Partnership v. Tenant in Common?

TIC Agreement –Must Offer TIC interest to other TIC owners at fair market value prior to seeking Partition

# **VI.** Lender Protections of TIC Partition Rights

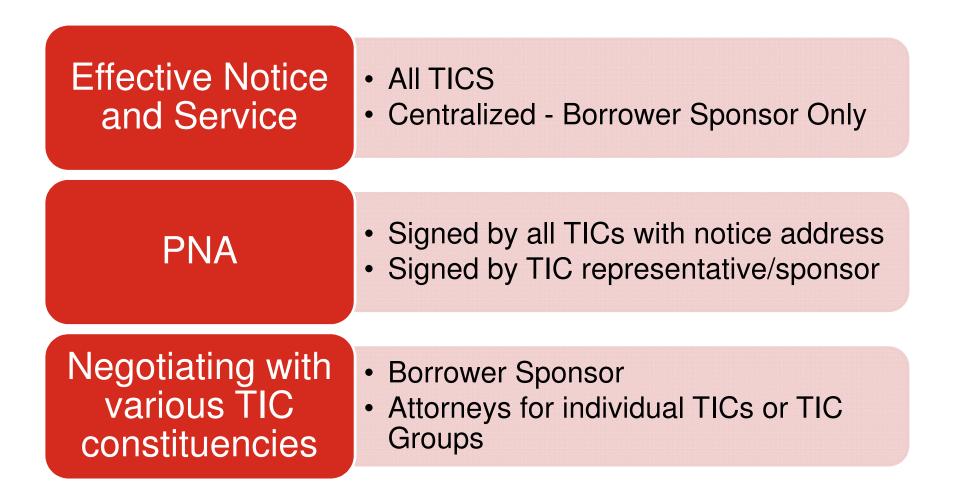
Loan Documents can restrict Partition Rights and Transfer of Interests of a TIC Owner

Immediate Event of Default - Any Partition or Transfer by any TIC TIC and TIC Principal Member Personally Liable for Entire Amount of Loan upon seeking Partition or Transfer or TIC Interest

Loan Covenant -

Other TICS or Borrower Sponsor TIC must purchase the TIC interest at Fair Market Value Failure to Comply – Full Recourse to each TIC Principal Member

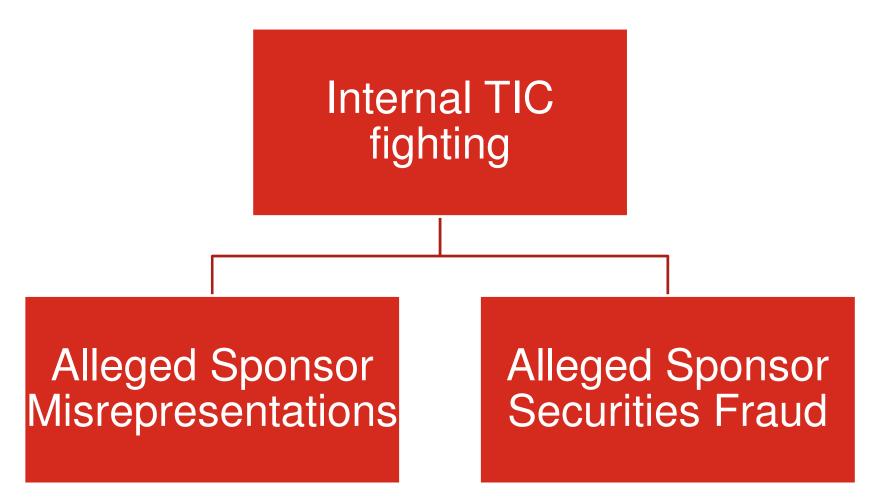
# VII. Default & Enforcement of Rights and Remedies by Lender



# VII. Default & Enforcement of Rights and Remedies by Lender (continued)

Restructure/Workout	<ul> <li>Agreement by all TICS</li> <li>Warm body guarantors (Borrower Sponsor vs TIC members)</li> <li>Address any bankruptcy protection deficiencies</li> <li>Enhance enforcement mechanisms</li> </ul>
Alleged Lender/ Servicer Liability Claims – Origination & After	<ul> <li>Borrower Seeking Leverage</li> <li>Breach of Contract</li> <li>Tort Claims</li> <li>Breach of Fiduciary Duty</li> <li>Claims Against Servicer</li> </ul>

# VII. Default & Enforcement of Rights and Remedies by Lender (continued)



# VIII.Bankruptcy Issues and Strategies in TIC Loans



Can one TIC member file for bankruptcy and stay an action against property owned by all the TICS?

- Can TIC debtor reject TIC Agreement under Section 365 as an Executory Contract?
- What is the property interest of the bankrupt TIC (Section 541)
- Risk of serial filing by multiple TICs in multiple jurisdictions
- Can other TICs exercise right to buy out the bankrupt TIC based on language in TIC Agreement or is it an ipso facto clause?

#### VIII.Bankruptcy Issues and Strategies in TIC Loans (continued)

#### Action Plan Upon TIC Filing Bankruptcy

- •Motion to Transfer Venue of Bankruptcy to location of the property
- Motion to Dismiss bankruptcy case as a bad faith filing; lack of valid reorganizational purpose (Section 1112(b))
- •Motion for Relief from Automatic Stay & *In Rem* Relief
- •File Involuntary Petitions as to the Other TIC entities?
- •Motion for Retention of Prepetition Receiver to run Property (Section 543(d))

Does individual TIC have rights in "Cash Collateral"



How can a TIC provide adequate protection?

# VIII.Bankruptcy Issues and Strategies in TIC Loans

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Can a TIC file and confirm a Plan of Reorganization?

- Reorganize What?
- Nothing to Reorganize
- No employees and no assets other than its de minimis, passive investment of a certain % tenant-in-common interest in a Property operated by a third party; no business operations, no equity in the Property, no employees, no current cash flow; no authority to facilitate a plan of reorganization.

Does filing by one TIC trigger carveout liability for all TICSs?

- Language of Guaranties
- Requirement that other TICs "stay neutral"

#### VIII.Bankruptcy Issues and Strategies in TIC Loans (continued)

Bankruptcy Sale under Section 363(h) & Partition Rights

- Do the TIC owners consent?
- A Trustee or TIC Debtor may sale its interest in property and that of a non-debtor co-owner if 4 conditions are satisfied:
  - Partition in kind of property & co-owners is impracticable
  - Sale of bankruptcy estate's undivided interest (the TIC % interest) in such property would realize significantly less than sale of property free and clear of other coowners
  - Benefit to the estate of a sale of such property free of interests of the co-owners outweighs the detriment, if any, to such co-owners; and
  - Property is not used in the production of specific energy industries

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TIC Owner Statutory Protections

 Section 363(i) right of First Refusal at a sale & Section 363(j) payment of the value of the TIC owners interest in the sales proceeds

Lender's Statutory Protections

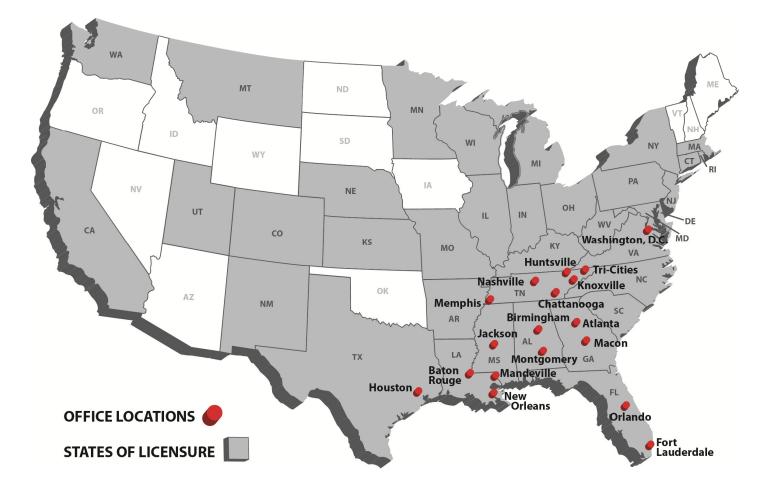
 Lender's Right to Credit Bid Under Section 363(k)

# Questions



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