What Not To Do, Or Say, In CMBS

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Efforts To Improve Borrower Experience With CMBS



- CREFC
 - Waive recurring DSCR testing for the first six months after closing
 - Major tenant threshold for lease approval
 - Streamlined reserve disbursement processing
 - Standardized definitions of DSCR, DY, LTV, NOI, etc.
- Servicer changes
- Investment



When You Find Yourself In A Hole,

Stop Digging



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Things You Should **Never Do, Or Say,** In CMBS

Don't Sign Your New Loan Documents Without Being Sure You Understand Every Word!



- Examples:
 - Late fee definition & balloon payment
 - DSCR calculation includes market vacancies
 - DSR calculation includes underwritten vacancies
 - Cash sweep with no way out
 - Cash collateral account during cash sweep used at lender discretion

Don't Close A New CMBS Loan Without Having Proper CMBS Knowledgeable Representation



Business

Legal

Don't Refuse To Comply With Cash Management If/When Cash Management Is Triggered



- Servicer calculations are final, absent a manifest error
 - "Can't fight city hall"
- Loan will be transferred to special servicer and put into default
- Fees will start accruing
- Potential recourse carve-out

Don't Go Ahead And Do Something That Requires Lender Approval **Before Getting Lender Approval**



- In this case it is not better to ask for forgiveness!
- Monetary penalties including default interest & possible cash sweep
- Deemed approved

Cash



- When NOI is insufficient to pay debt service
 - Remit NCF
 - Don't hold back NCF = receiver
- Communicate with master servicer
 - Don't tell servicer that you cannot pay your payment
 - Recourse carve-out insolvency

Don't Refuse To Sign The Pre-Negotiation Agreement



- Or you will get foreclosed
- Special servicer will not engage in discussions without PNA
- Non negotiable "ish"

Don't Agree To A "Deed In Escrow" As Part Of Your 'Settlement' With The Special Servicer

- What is a deed in escrow?
- Do servicers really mean it?
- Are there other options?

Don't Have Your Lawyer Be Your Sole Point Of Contact With The Special Servicer



- Special servicer will hand over to their attorney & prepare for battle
- Best to have business to business contact

Don't Miss Your Maturity Date By One Day



- It can cost you up to 6% of the balance of the loan
- Be sure balloon payment is excluded in late fee definition
- Even short term forbearances sometimes require a loan be transferred to special servicer
- Special servicer will add 1% liquidation fee to payoff statement

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