

Subcommittee on Real Estate Financing

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Most of us have received a fortune cookie that predicted “may you live in interesting times.” That prediction certainly came true for many of us practicing commercial real estate lending law in the past several weeks.

In this issue of the newsletter, we usually make a tentative commitment to a topic for our Spring meeting. This year, however, it would be quite presumptuous for anyone to try and forecast what will be the hot topics for discussion by April. For now, we are going to leave the topic broad – Real Estate Financing in Interesting Times. If the real estate world calms down, our primary focus will be opinion letters in real estate financings; otherwise, we will conduct a structured discussion on hot or interesting state specific topics, with the meeting attendees speaking up as our “panelists.” For the latter, we will be soliciting possible topics in January, 2009. If you have any ideas, please do send them to us at: khopkins@rp-lawgroup.com and elester@carltonfields.com.