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JEFFREY KOLESSAR | SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT OF DEVELOPMENT

Mr. Jeffrey Kolessar is Senior Vice President of Development for GF Management, based out of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Mr. Kolessar is responsible for hotel acquisitions and dispositions, receiverships, asset management, new development and third party management contracts for hospitality properties throughout the country.



Over his tenure with GF Management, Mr. Kolessar's roles have included development and acquisitions, business development, operations, accounting and consulting. He has been involved with different types of hospitality projects including resorts, conference centers, full and select service hotels, food and beverage establishments and golf courses. Mr. Kolessar holds a Bachelor of Science degree from Shippensburg University.

Mr. Kolessar joined GF Management in 1990, in the capacity of a regional controller. Since 1995, he has acted as a receiver for hotel properties and has structured hotel management deals, served in receiverships, workouts and evaluated over 300 hotel properties for financial institutions.

As a hospitality receivership specialist, Mr. Kolessar has been personally involved in over 150 receivership assignments, being personally named Receiver on more than 70 assignments. As spearheaded by Mr. Kolessar, GF Management has been involved in receivership pleadings in 30 states, ranging from coast to coast throughout the United States.

Specialty experience encompasses all facets from financing, to hostile takeovers, to pre-opening, to turn around opportunities for distressed properties and negotiation of most contract types. With extensive contacts within financial institutions, with the legal community, with various hospitality consultants and hotel and real estate brokers, Mr. Kolessar has built a reputable network within the industry as a whole. Additionally, Mr. Kolessar negotiates franchise agreements, assists lenders in the sale of hotels and oversees third party management contracts with the Company.

Mr. Kolessar is a current member of the Turnaround Management Association and finds it essential to participate within the hospitality community through event sponsorship, participation and speaker and panelist engagements.

Mr. Kolessar has been referenced as a Hospitality expert throughout the years and has been an active participant in the Hospitality industry.

Listed below are a few of Mr. Kolessar's recent industry engagements:

- Bankruptcy Hearing, United States District of Arizona September 2011 Expert Hospitality Witness
Expert Testimony on Hospitality Asset
- Webcast Series, Hotel Brokers International June 2011 – Expert Presenter
Topic: Distressed Hotel Asset Market
- Bankruptcy Hearing, Middle District of Florida April 2011 - Expert Hospitality Witness
Expert Testimony on Hospitality Asset
- Hunter Hotel Investment Conference March 2011 - Speaker
Topic: Buying and Selling Hotels Today
- Bankruptcy Hearing, Northern District of California October 2010 - Expert Hospitality Witness
Expert Testimony on Hospitality Asset
- Bankruptcy Hearing, Eastern District of Texas September 2010 - Expert Hospitality Witness
Expert Testimony on Hospitality Asset
- Receivership Hearing, State of New York Supreme Court May 2010 - Expert Hospitality Witness
Expert Testimony on Hospitality Asset
- JMBM's 20th Annual Meet the Money Conference May 2010 - Panelist
Topic: Hospitality Receiverships
- Hotel Business Magazine Roundtable Discussion March 2010 - Panelist
Topic: Hotel Management - Distressed Properties
- Hunter Hotel Investment Conference March 2010 - Speaker
Topic: Position for Recovery
- Jeffer, Mangels, Butler & Marmaro, LLP Executive Briefing March 2010 - Panelist
Topic: Receiver's Forum - California assets
- Hotel Brokers International Annual Meeting January 2010 - Panelist
Topic: Distressed Hotels
- Perkins Coie Hospitality Seminar Chicago November 2009 - Speaker
Topic: Hotel Management
- RealShare Conference New York September 2009 - Speaker
Topic: Distressed Hotel Market
- Wall Street Journal August 2009 - Referenced as Hospitality Expert
Topic: Distressed Hotel Situations
- Several HREC Series 2009 - Presenter
Topic: Role of a Hotel Management Company in Hotel Loan Resolutions
- Hotel Business Magazine Roundtable Discussion April 2009 - Panelist
Topic: Hotel Conversions
- Hunter Hotel Investment Conference March 2009 - Speaker
Topic: Hotel Workouts, Challenges and Solutions

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