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## **NAVIGATING THE STORM: STRATEGIES FOR DISTRESSED COMMERCIAL REAL ESTATE LOANS**

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BCLP Partner Varuna Bhattacharyya and Associates Chase Sandler and Matias Gallego-Manzano co-authored, with valuable assistance from David Holmberg, Elizabeth Goldberg and Andre Smith, an article in Law360 addressing the navigation of the significant challenges currently facing the U.S. commercial real estate market as a record number of loans — a total of \$2.2 trillion anticipated by the end of 2027 — are approaching maturity against the backdrop of a variety of distress scenarios.

As the market grapples with rising interest rates, decreased property values and lower occupancy rates due to remote work, the authors highlight two viable alternative exit strategies to consider: deed-in-lieu of foreclosure and the consent foreclosure.

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