



Wyoming Bankers Association Contingent Liabilities: Three Lines of Defense for Lenders

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A contingent liability is a potential liability...it depends on a future event occurring or not occurring. Bankers must fully vet the adverse consequences of contingent liabilities to the financial condition of a borrower/guarantor/owner because of the risks of a potential problem loan and/or diminished support for a borrowing business or real estate project/property.

This webinar will begin with a review of the various types of contingent liabilities and why they are important. We will then look at three "lines of defense" for determining and assessing contingent liabilities:

- **Full disclosure** - including simple things like personal financial statement formats and other financial documents that contain clues to other contingent liabilities
- **Developing a secondary or realistic liability which can emerge in the short term** - going beyond the face amount of the guarantee (or other item), including:
 - Understanding the full guarantee structure (guarantee percentage vs. ownership percentage)
 - Underlying cash flow and debt service coverage (DSC) of company or project/property as indicator of potential payment default, then any related collateral and/or reserves
- **Understanding all related parties and the business balance sheet items among the parties**
- Various current receivables
- Long-term or due from owners and how they arise
- Other amounts due to owners (liabilities) and various levels or types of subordinated debt or liabilities

Speaker

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