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## Henry S. Miller Co. emerges from Ch. 11

Firm appealing \$9M verdict that led to bankruptcy

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Longtime Dallas real estate brokerage Henry S. Miller Commercial LLC has emerged from a forced bankruptcy, according to court records.

U.S. Bankruptcy Judge Stacey Jernigan approved the plan July 13, noting that all of Miller's creditors receiving some benefit from the plan either voted for the reorganization plan or remained silent on the matter.

Henry S. Miller Commercial was forced into bankruptcy in July 2009 by creditors who won a judgment of about \$9 million against the company in state district court. The state court case centered around Henry S. Miller's representation of James Flaven, a self-described investor from Connecticut, in his failed attempt to buy eight apartment complexes and an office building.

Under the plan submitted by bankruptcy attorney Stephanie Curtis, Miller will pay up to \$400,000 to the winners of the court judgment. Those parties are generally the owners of apartment properties that Flaven, via Henry S. Miller Commercial and its former agent Steven Defterios, aimed to buy. They also stand to receive some additional payments if Miller wins its lawsuit against its former attorney and insurer.

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