

Shutts Partners Weigh In on Hotel Industry's Battles Amid the Coronavirus

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In an [article](#) published by *Law360*, Miami partners [John Meagher](#) and [Alexander Tachmes](#) commented on how hotels are mitigating the massive losses they are facing in light of the coronavirus pandemic.

One place where the industry may find relief is in business interruption clauses in commercial property insurance policies. John, Chair of the firm's Insurance Practice Group, said lawyers will try to prove contamination if the coronavirus was found on a property, as noxious gases and fumes have sometimes been covered under these clauses if the property was rendered unusable. "To the extent a policy's language is ambiguous, the insured wins that battle," he said.

Another avenue hotel operators are taking is turning to the government for relief, said Alex, Chair of the firm's Land Use and Government Relations Practice Group. Hotels are seeking emergency funding for laid-off hospitality employees and abatement of real estate and resort taxes. "The primary focus now is on a big government push," he said, stating that most hotel companies believe that government assistance is essential during this time.

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