

Entity Review Part III

Partnerships

The Four Types of Partnerships

- 1. General Partnership
- 2. Limited Partnership
- 3. Limited Liability Partnership
- 4. Limited Liability Limited Partnership

Partnership Terms

1. General Partner

- a. Involved in management.
- b. Liable for the obligations of the partnership (does not need to guaranty).

2. Limited Partner

- a. Typically not involved in management (may have right to approve certain actions based on the partnership agreement).
- b. Not liable for the obligations of the partnership (other than investment in the partnership).

General Partnership

- 1. A general partnership is not a separate legal entity from its partners.
- 2. All partners in a general partnership are liable for all of the liabilities of the general partnership (unlimited liability).
- 3. All of the partners are general partners; all have management authority.
- 4. Management authority can be delegated through a partnership agreement, but we will usually want to get approval from all of the general partners.

General Partnership Cont.

- 1. A general partnership can take title to a property, but keep in mind that it is essentially a DBA for the general partners.
- 2. If we have a general partnership borrower, we will need a written partnership agreement and we will want approval from all the general partners.

Limited Partnership

- 1. A limited partnership typically has at least one general partner and one limited partner.
 - a) A limited partnership must have at least one general partner, but sometimes it may not have any limited partners.
 - b) This situation (no limited partners) most commonly occurs when they are planning to sell interests in the partnership to limited partners later on.
- 2. General partners have management authority, but make sure to review the partnership agreement to see if the limited partners are required to approve the loan transaction.

Limited Partnership Cont.

1. A limited partnership is a separate legal entity and is formed by filing a Certificate of Limited Partnership in the state of domicile.

2. You review limited partnerships for the same things as an LLC (state filings/COGS, purpose and term of existence, management authority, entity name reflected in formation document).

Limited Liability Partnership

- 1. Typically used by law firms and other professionals (in some states only certain professions can form an LLP).
- 2. Formed by filing with the state.
- 3. Liability is limited to what a partner puts into the LLP (but liability can also vary by state).
- 4. All partners can participate in management, but the specifics are determined by the partnership agreement.

Limited Liability Limited Partnership

- 1. The LLLP is a relatively new concept and is not available in all states.
- 2. An LLLP is formed by filing with the state.
- 3. Note: You cannot form an LLLP in California, but California does recognize foreign LLLPs.
- 4. General partners receive limited liability.

Questions?

Thanks For Listening