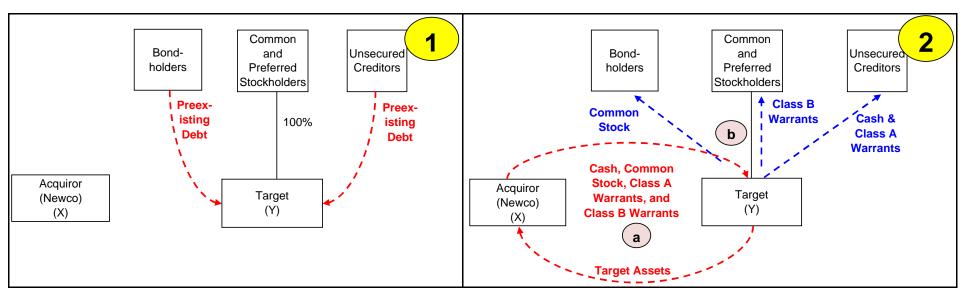
Comm'r v. Southwest Consolidated 315 U.S. 194 (1942)

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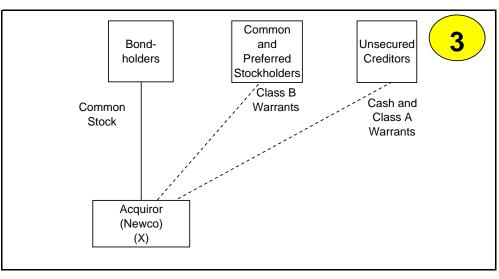
Asset Tranfers



In Southwest Consolidated, the Supreme Court held that warrants are not treated as voting stock. The following is an excerpt from the case:

Under the statute involved in Helvering v. Alabama Asphaltic Limestone Co. . . . there would have been a "reorganization" here. For the creditors of the old company had acquired substantially the entire proprietary interest of the old stockholders. . . . But clause B of §112(g)(1) of the 1934 Act effects an important change as respects transactions whereby one corporation acquires substantially all of the assets of another [a C reorganization]. The continuity of interest test is made much stricter. . . Congress has provided that the assets of the transferor corporation must be acquired in exchange "solely" for "voting stock" of the transferee. "Solely" leaves no leeway. Voting stock plus some other consideration does not meet the statutory requirement. [Emphasis added.]

Ending Point



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