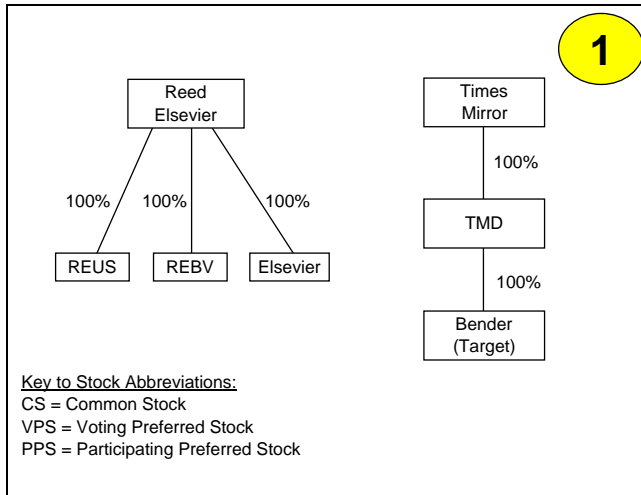
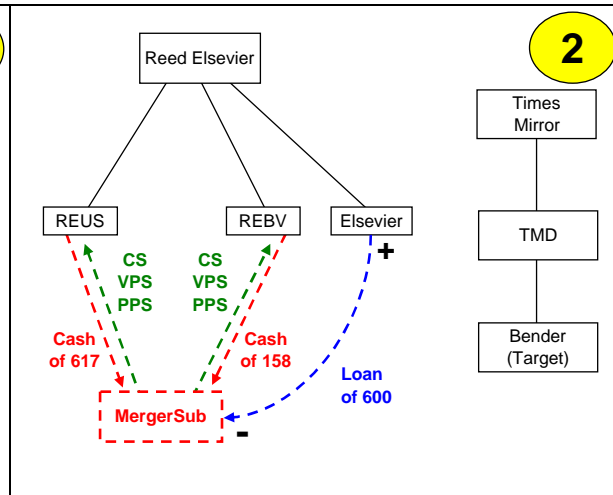


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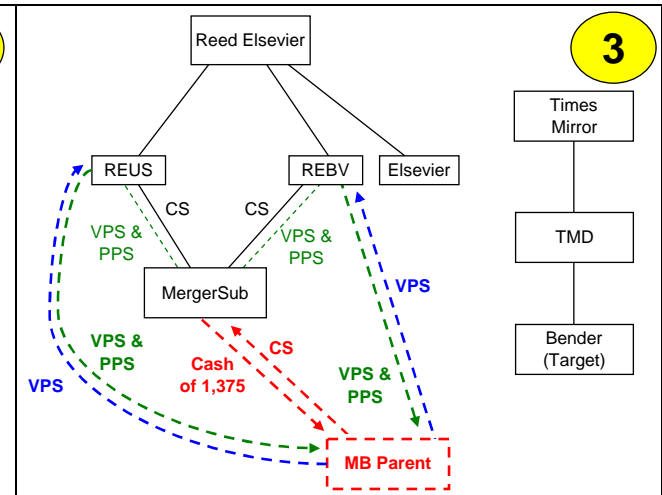
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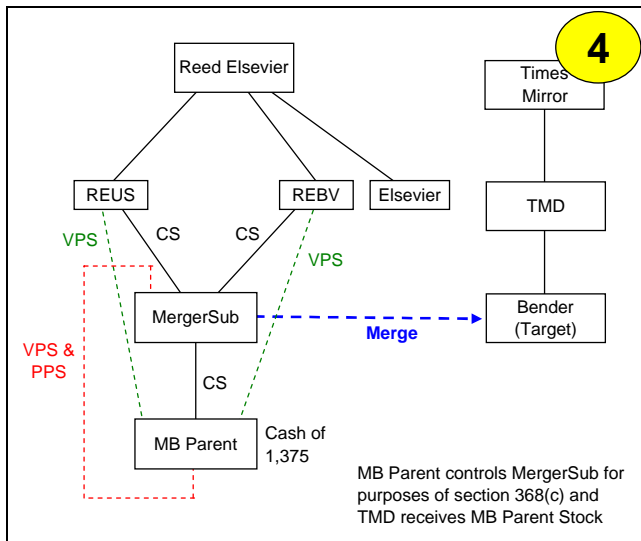
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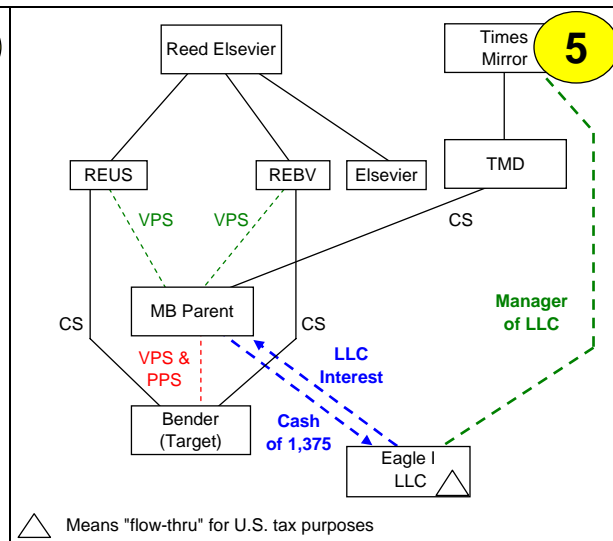
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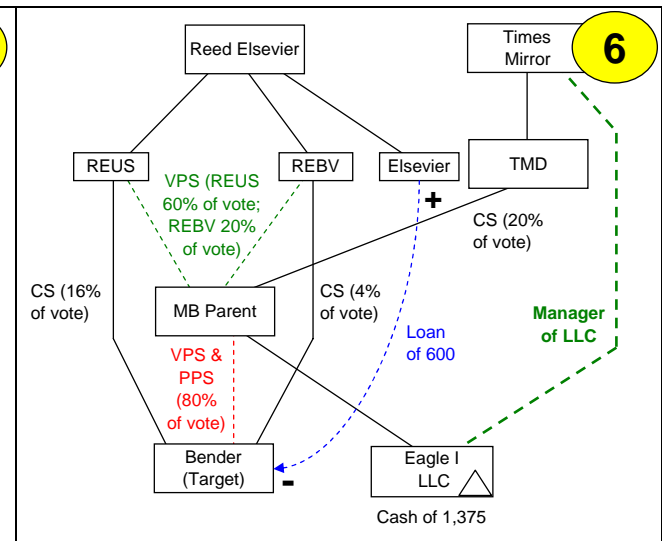
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LLC Capitalization (7/31/98)



Ending Point



The Tax Court held that TMD's transfer of the Bender stock was not in exchange solely for voting stock and therefore the exchange did not qualify as a reorganization under section 368(a)(1)(B). The court held that "the management authority over the cash in the LLC had far more value to Times Mirror than the MB Parent common stock . . ." Thus, the transaction also did not qualify as a reverse triangular merger under sections 368(a)(1)(A) and 368(a)(2)(E).