## The Dolan Company has filed for bankruptcy protection... Let's see what the reporting history shows!

## The Dolan Company

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Filed for Bankruptcy on 3/23/2014
Case #14-10614, filed in the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the District of Delaware

### Latest Financial Statements as of 9/30/2013

### **Business Summary**

The Dolan Company is a provider of necessary professional services and business information to legal, financial and real estate sectors in the United States. The Company operates through two operating divisions: its Professional Services Division and its Business Information Division. Its Professional Services Division consists of two segments: mortgage default processing services and litigation support services. Its Business Information Division produces legal publications, business journals, court and commercial media, other online information products and services, and operates Websites and produces events for targeted professional audiences in 21 geographic markets across the United States. Its information is delivered through a variety of methods, including approximately 60 print publications and 80 Websites. In July 2013, the Company sold the assets of its NDeX South business to the law firm affiliates of that business.

Employees: 1,708 (as of 12/31/2012) Federal Tax Id: 432004527

### Credit Scores

## FRISK® Score 2 3/23/2014 Probability of bankruptcy range: 5.05% - 10.34% Z" Score -7.27 (Fiscal danger) 9/30/2013

### **Auditor Information**

Last Audit: 12/31/2012
Auditors: Baker Tilly Virchow
Krause, LLP
Opinion: <u>Unqualified</u>

Ticker: DOLNO

### DBT Index

12/2013	1/2014	2/2014
8	<u>9</u>	9

(Includes DBT Indexes from Subsidiaries)

## Net Sales (millions)





Public companies often make consistent payments, right up to a bankruptcy...

up to a bankruptcy...

...here, The Dolan Company

...here, was paying 0—10 days past

due

## Third Quarter and Year-to-Date Results

Sales for the 3 months ended 9/30/2013 decreased 20.72% to \$35.46 period amount of \$44.73 million. Sales for the 9 months ended 9/30/20 from \$116.47 million for the same period last year.

Gross profit margin decreased 25.12% for the period to \$21.10 million (\text{\text{!}} million (62.99% of revenues) for the same period last year. Gross profit year-to-date period to \$69.27 million (58.91% of revenues) from \$71.37 comparable 9 month period last year.

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Selling, general and administrative expenses for the period decreased 12.36% to \$16.10 million compared with \$18.37 million for the same period last year. Selling, general and administrative expenses for the 9 months ended 9/30/2013 decreased 6.83% to \$49.07 million from \$52.67 million for the same period last year.

Operating income for the period decreased 2,056.28% to (\$34.18) million compared with operating income of (\$1.59) million for the same period last year. Operating income for the year-to-date period decreased 312.55% to (\$21.33) million compared with operating income of \$10.03 million for the equivalent 9 months last year.

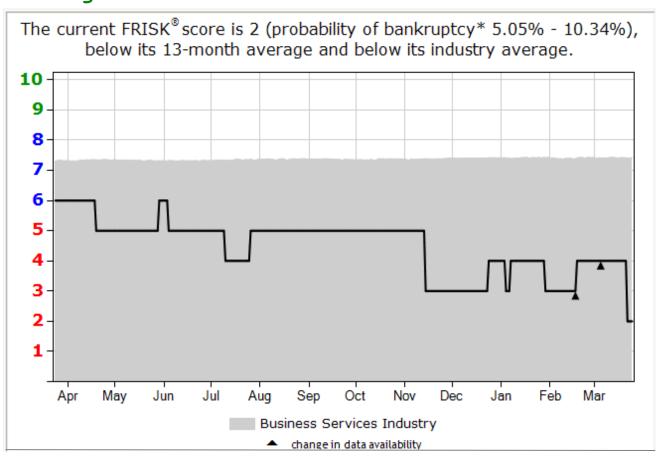
Net loss for the period decreased 73.56% to (\$27.48) million compared with net loss of (\$103.90) million for the same period last year. Net loss for the year-to-date period increased 75.36% to (\$175.08) million compared with net loss of (\$99.84) million for the equivalent 9 months last year.

Net cash from operating activities was \$16.96 million for the 9 month period, compared to net cash from operating activities of \$21.15 million for last year's comparable period.

Working capital at 9/30/2013 of (\$116.38) million decreased 2,737.25% from the prior year end's balance of \$4.41 million, and decreased 609.38% from \$22.85 million at the end of last year's same period.

Accounts payable decreased by \$8.26 million for the year-to-date period, compared to a \$976.00 thousand decrease in the prior year's comparable period.

# The FRISK® has fluctuated in the Red Zone for an extended period of time and has recently begun to decline...



The FRISK®	score	is	reported	on	a	1	to	10	scale:
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	FRISK®	From	То		
Best	10	0.00%	0.11%		
	9	0.11%	0.23%		
	8	0.23%	0.38%		
	7	0.38%	0.54%		
	6	0.54%	1.05%		
	5	1.05%	1.74%		
	4	1.74%	3.15%		
	3	3.15%	5.05%		
	2	5.05%	10.34%		
Worst	1	10.34%	50.00%		

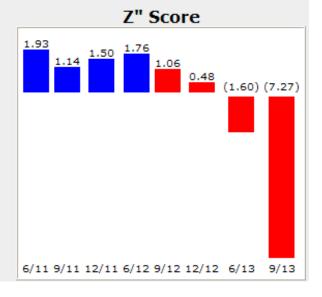
The Altman Z" started signaling trouble in late 2012...

LEGEND:

Financially sound: 2.60 or higher

Neutral: 1.10 to 2.60

Fiscal danger: less than 1.10





# ...plus looking at our News Alerts you would have seen...

		Ne	ews Sumi	<b>Mary</b> ( <b>⊙ CRMZ selected</b> ○ Moody's  ○ Fitch  ○ All )	age	
	#	Date	Source	Headline		
Filing for	1	3/24/2014	CRMZ News Service	Dolan Enters Chapter 11 Protection With a Debt-Cutting Plan in Place	<b>i</b> )	
Chapter 11, as well as resignation of	2	3/24/2014	CRMZ News Service	DOLAN CO. FILES (8-K) Disclosing Bankruptcy or Receivership, Change in Directors or Principal Officers, Other Events, Financial Statements and Exhibits	<b>i</b> )	
chairman/CEO, and COO	3	3/20/2014	Business Wire	The Dolan Company and Certain of Its Subsidiaries to File for Prepackaged Chapter 11 Reorganization to Achieve Comprehensive Debt Restructuring	<b>i</b> )	Extension of deadline to reach agreement with
	4	3/3/2014	CRMZ News Service	DOLAN CO. FILES (8-K) Disclosing Entry into a Material Definitive  Agreement, Financial Statements and Exhibits	<u>()</u>	lenders to address the Company's
	5	2/24/2014	CRMZ News Service	DOLAN CO. FILES (8-K) Disclosing Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement, Financial Statements and Exhibits	<b>i</b> )	capital structure
The Company's	6	2/14/2014	CRMZ News Service	DOLAN CO. FILES (8-K) Disclosing Entry into a Material Definitive  Agreement, Financial Statements and Exhibits	<b>i</b> )	
common and preferred stock is	7	2/14/2014	Business Wire	The Dolan Company Amends Its Credit Agreement	<b>i</b> )	Non-compliance
removed from the New York Stock	8	2/14/2014	CRMZ News	Dolan Co.: a Form 25-NSE has been Filed with the SEC	<b>į</b> )	with NYSE listing standards, and
Exchange.	9	2/14/2014	CRMZ News Service	Dolan Co.: a Form 25-NSE has been Filed with the SEC	<b>i</b> )	commencement of trading on the over-the-counter
Amendment to	10	1/28/2014	Business Wire	The Dolan Company Common and Preferred Shares to Move to the Over-the-Counter Market	(1)	market (OTC)
credit agreement temporarily	11	1/13/2014	CRMZ News	DOLAN CO. FILES (8-K) Disclosing Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement, Financial Statements and Exhibits	•	
waiving default of certain covenants	12	1/13/2014	Business Wire	The Dolan Company Amends Its Credit Agreement	Þ	Appointment of Chief
as of December 31, 2013	13	1/2/2014	Business Wire	The Dolan Company Appoints Chief Restructuring Officer, Receives Continued Listing Standards Notice from the NYSE	<b>į</b> )	Restructuring Officer
Amendment to	14	1/2/2014	CRMZ News Service	DOLAN CO. FILES (8-K) Disclosing Notice of Delisting or Failure to Satisfy a Continued Listing Rule or Standard; Transfer of Listing, Change in Directors or Principal Officers, Financial Statements an	<b>į</b> )	
credit agreement waiving the Company's default	15	12/23/2013	CRMZ News Service	Dolan Co.: a Form 8-K has been Filed with the SEC	<u>i</u> )	
with respect to certain financial	16	11/16/2013	CRMZ News Service	The Dolan Company updated financials available	<b>į</b> )	No dividend declared on
covenants as of September 30,	17	11/12/2013	CRMZ News Service	DOLAN CO. FILES (8-K) Disclosing Results of Operations and Financial Condition, Financial Statements and Exhibits	<b>i</b> )	Preferred stock, in order to
2013, and adding a new financial covenant related to	18	11/12/2013	CRMZ News Service	Dolan Co.: a Form 10-Q has been Filed with the SEC	Ų	"preserve" capital
the senior leverage ratio.	19	11/6/2013	CRMZ News Service	DOLAN CO. FILES (8-K) Disclosing Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement, Financial Statements and Exhibits	<b>(i)</b>	Q3 Net loss of \$27.48 MM

# ...need more depth? Look at the Performance Ratios

## Not Profitable...

Performance Ratios - Sequential Quarters  (Thousands of U.S. Dollars)								
Period Ended	3 mos 9/30/2013	6 mos 6/30/2013	3 mos 3/31/2013	3 mos 12/31/2012	3 mos 9/30/201			
Net Sales \$	\$35,460	\$82,124	n/a	\$62,941	\$44,72			
% change	n/a	n/a	n/a	40.73%	n/			
Gross Margin \$	\$21,098	\$48,175	n/a	\$30,044	\$28,17			
% change	n/a	n/a	n/a	6.64%	n/			
% of sales	59.50%	58.66%	n/a	47.73%	62.99			
change as % of incremental sales	n/a	n/a	n/a	10.27%	n			
5G&A \$	\$16,103	\$32,971	n/a	\$25,467	\$18,3			
% change	n/a	n/a	n/a	38.61%	n,			
% of sales	45.41%	40.15%	n/a	40.46%	41.08			
change as % of incremental sales	n/a	n/a	n/a	38.94%	n,			
Operating margin \$	(\$34,177)	\$12,850	n/a	(\$1,565)	(\$1,58			
% change	n/a	n/a	n/a	1.26%	n,			
% of sales	-96.38%	15.65%	n/a	-2.49%	3.54			
change as % of incremental sales	n/a	n/a	n/a	0.11%	n			
BITDA \$	(\$32,607)	\$21,813	n/a	\$12,070	(\$4,56			
% change	n/a	n/a	n/a	363.13%	n			
% of sales	-91.95%	26.56%	n/a	19.18%	-20.26			
change as % of incremental cales	n/a	n/a	n/a	01 44%				
Pre-tax income \$	(\$36,896)	\$7,832	n/a	(\$5,258)	(\$3,78			
% change	n/a	n/a	n/a	-38.84%	n,			
% of sales	-104.05%	9.54%	n/a	-8.35%	-8.47			
change as % of incremental sales	n/a	n/a	n/a	-8.08%	n			
Net income (loss) \$	(\$27,476)	(\$147,603)	n/a	(\$3,339)	(\$103,90			
% change	n/a	n/a	n/a	96.79%	n,			
% of sales	-77.48%	-179.73%	n/a	-5.31%	-232.31			
change as % of incremental sales	n/a	n/a	n/a	552.05%	n			
Tax expense \$	(\$10,132)	\$51,024	n/a	(\$2,762)	(\$1,03			
Effective tax rate	27.46%	651.48%	n/a	52.53%	27.30			
Depreciation expense \$	\$1,398	\$3,272	n/a	\$1,977	\$1,2			
% of sales	3.94%	3.98%	n/a	3.14%	2.70			
% of capital expenses	189.43%	108.06%	n/a	41.51%	-12,070.00			
% of PP&E, net (annualized)	47.06%	45.53%	n/a	44.52%	27.04			
Capital expenditures \$	\$738	\$3,028	\$1,691	\$4,763	(\$1			
% change	n/a	n/a	-64.50%	47,730.00%	n,			
% of PP&E, net (annualized)	24.85%	42.14%	39.12%	107.25%	-0.22			
% of working capital (annualized)	-6.00%	33.81%	60.81%	139.77%	-0.32			
	(12.88)	4.44	n/a	5.25	(1.0			
Interest coverage ratio	n/a	n/a	n/a	603.63%	n,			
Interest coverage ratio % change								
% change		\$7,232	(\$182)	\$10,802	(\$2,00			
% change Free cash flow \$ % change	\$5,962 n/a	<b>\$7,232</b> n/a	(\$182) -101.68%	\$10,802 474.55%	(\$2,88			

# ...need more depth? Look at the Leverage Ratios

Negative tangible net worth...

Sharp decline in stockholders' equity...

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Levera	nge Ratios (Thousan	- <b>Sequent</b> ds of U.S. Dolla		ers	
Period Ended	9/30/2013	6/30/2013	3/31/2013	12/31/2012	9/30/2012
Total debt \$	\$131,547	\$142,250	\$150,244	\$166,043	\$190,232
% change	-7.52%	-5.32%	-9.52%	-12.72%	10.55%
Stockholders' equity \$	\$54,334	\$74,542	\$219,972	\$212,835	\$217,241
% change	-27.11%	-66.11%	3.35%	-2.03%	-31.28%
Total debt to equity ratio	2.42	1.91	0.68	0.78	0.8
% change	26.87%	179.40%	-12.45%	-10.92%	60.89%
Tangible net worth \$	(\$108,394)	(\$127,082)	(\$74,870)	(\$100,706)	(\$100,574
% change	14.71%	-69.74%	25.65%	-0.13%	40.81%
Total assets \$	\$236,246	\$308,559	\$431,223	\$449,540	\$473,07
% change	-23.44%	-28.45%	-4.07%	-4.97%	-20.58%
Total debt to assets ratio	0.56	0.46	0.35	0.37	0.4
% change	20.78%	32.32%	-5.68%	-8.13%	39.18%
Net tangible assets \$	\$73,518	\$106,935	\$136,381	\$135,999	\$155,25
% change	-31.25%	-21.59%	0.28%	-12.40%	41.67%
Short-term debt \$	\$131,474	\$15,105	\$15,149	\$15,162	\$15,76
% change	770.40%	-0.29%	-0.09%	-3.83%	101.33%
Short-term debt % of total debt	99.94%	10.62%	10.08%	9.13%	8.299
% change	841.22%	5.31%	10.42%	10.18%	82.12%
Short-term debt % of working capital	112.97%	83.97%	84.94%	343.58%	69.00%
% change	-234.53%	-1.14%	-75.28%	397.91%	-80.83%
Total liabilities \$	\$181,912	\$234,017	\$211,251	\$236,705	\$255,83
% change	-22.27%	10.78%	-10.75%	-7.48%	-8.48%
Total liabilities to equity ratio	3.35	3.14	0.96	1.11	1.1
% change	6.64%	226.88%	-13.65%	-5.55%	33.18%
Source:	10-Q 11/12/2013	10-Q 8/1/2013	10-Q 5/2/2013	10-K 3/8/2013	10-Q 11/2/2012

Non-compliance with certain financial covenants in the Company's Credit Facility has resulted in the reclassification of long-term debt as short-term debt, thus creating a liquidity crisis...

**CreditRiskMonitor** 

## ... need more depth? Look at the Liquidity Ratios and

Rates of Return

Large decline in working capital...

Liquidity Ratios - Sequential Quarters  (Thousands of U.S. Dollars)								
Period Ended 9/30/2013 6/30/2013 3/31/2013 12/31/2012 9/30/2012								
Current assets \$	\$43,270	\$84,436	\$84,950	\$82,571	\$98,883			
% change	-48.75%	-0.61%	2.88%	-16.50%	31.90%			
% of short-term debt	32.91%	558.99%	560.76%	544.59%	627.19%			
Current liabilities \$	\$159,652	\$66,448	\$67,116	\$78,158	\$76,035			
% change	140.27%	-1.00%	-14.13%	2.79%	4.45%			
Working capital \$	(\$116,382)	\$17,988	\$17,834	\$4,413	\$22,848			
% change	-747.00%	0.86%	304.12%	-80.69%	950.48%			
% of sales (annualized)	-82.05%	10.95%	n/a	1.75%	12.77%			
Cash \$	\$2,813	\$1,667	\$2,448	\$3,509	\$15,586			
% change	68.75%	-31.90%	-30.24%	-77.49%	1,248.27%			
% of short-term debt	2.14%	11.04%	16.16%	23.14%	98.86%			
Cash ratio	0.02	0.03	0.04	0.04	0.21			
% change	-29,88%	-31.23%	-18.71%	-78.10%	1,189.31%			
Quick assets \$	\$28.819	\$38,595	\$58,131	\$63,809	\$81,923			
% change	-25.33%	-33.61%	-8.90%	-22.11%	23.97%			
% of short-term debt	292%	255.51%	383.73%	420.85%	519.62%			
Quick ratio	0.18	0.58	0.87	0.82	1.08			
% change	-68.92%	-32.94%	6.09%	-24.23%	18.68%			
Current ratio	0.27	1.27	1.27	1.06	1.30			
% change	-78.67%	0.40%	19.80%	-18.76%	26.27%			
Source:	10-Q 11/12/2013	10-Q 8/1/2013	10-Q 5/2/2013	10-K 3/8/2013	10-Q 11/2/2012			

Poor cash ratio...

Rates of Return - Sequential Quarters (Thousands of U.S. Dollars)									
Period Ended 3 mos 6 mos 3 mos 3 mos 3 mos 9/30/2013 6/30/2013 3/31/2013 12/31/2012 9/30/2013									
Return on equity	-36.86%	-67.10%	n/a	-1.54%	-32.87%				
% change	n/a	n/a	n/a	95.32%	n/a				
Return on total assets	-10.09%	-39.90%	0.00%	-0.72%	-19.44%				
% change	n/a	n/a	100.00%	96.28%	n/a				
Return on net tangible assets	-30.45%	-121.33%	0.00%	-2.29%	-78.46%				
% change	n/a	n/a	100.00%	97.08%	n/a				
Source:	10-Q 11/12/2013	10-Q 11/12/2013	10-Q 11/12/2013	10-K 3/8/2013	10-Q 11/12/2013				

Negative rates of return...

## ...need more depth? Look at the Peer Analysis



Bottom quartile in most Performance, Liquidity, and Leverage & Debt coverage ratios vs. Business Services Industry Peers In the MD&A issued in August the Company tells us that they do not expect to be in compliance with certain financial covenants in their Senior Secured Credit Facility. Non-compliance with this covenant would result in a default event that could cause the Lenders to accelerate the maturity of the Company's indebtedness, resulting in the inability to continue operations.

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## Management Discussion and Analysis

For the period ended 6/30/2013

As of June 30, 2013, we were in compliance with all covenants in our debt instruments. However the Company's ability to generate sufficient cash flows in 2013 has been negatively impacted by the business challenges in its mortgage default foreclosure and public notice business. These challenges make it probable that the Company will be unable to comply with certain of its financial covenants in its senior secured credit facility as measured on the last day of the third quarter of 2013. The Company is currently in discussions with its lenders regarding resetting the financial covenants applicable to the third quarter and future periods. Any failure by us to comply with these covenants may result in an event of default, which if not cured or waived, could result in the banks accelerating the maturity of our indebtedness or preventing us from accessing availability under our credit facility. In addition, our lenders may require us to prepay outstanding indebtedness under the credit facility. If the maturity of our indebtedness is accelerated, we may not have sufficient cash resources to satisfy our debt obligations and we may not be able to continue our operations as planned. In addition, the indebtedness under our credit agreement is secured by a security interest in substantially all of our tangible and intangible assets, including the equity interests of our subsidiaries, and therefore, if we are unable to repay such indebtedness the banks could foreclose on these assets and sell the pledged equity interests, which would adversely affect our ability to operate our business.

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