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# Master the 8-K

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- the impact of late filings, the availability of the "safe harbor" for late-filed 8-Ks and related liability issues;
- the "furnished" versus "filed" distinction and the technical aspects of incorporation by reference and exhibits;
- and much more.

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