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Text: *Bankruptcy Cases, Problems, and Materials*,  
Revised Third Edition. Douglas G. Baird, Thomas H.  
Jackson and Barry E. Adler. University Casebook Series.  
2001.

U.S. Bankruptcy Code and Rules (2001)

**August 19, 2003 – Introduction: What is Bankruptcy?**

**Read:** Pgs 1-3; Chapter I, pgs 4-19.

**August 21, 2003 – NO CLASS**

**August 26, 2003 – The Collective Purposes of Bankruptcy**

**Read:** Chapter 2., pgs. 20-53; *Butner v. U.S.*, 440 U.S. 48 (1979).

**August 28, 2003 – The Decision to File**

**Read:** Chapter 3, pgs. 54-87.

**September 2, 2003 – The Automatic Stay**

**Read:** Chapter 4, Sections A and B, pgs. 88-109; Bankruptcy Code §362.  
Extra Reading<sup>1</sup>: *Citizens Bank of Maryland v. Strumpf*, 516 U.S. 16 (1995).

**September 4, 2003 – The Automatic Stay - Exceptions**

**Read:** Chapter 4, Section C, pgs. 109-123.  
Extra Reading: *In re Club Tower, L.P.*, 138 B.R. 307 (Bankr. N.D. Ga. 1991); *In re  
Jenkins Court Associates Ltd. Partnership*, 181 B.R. 33 (Bankr. E.D. Pa. 1995).

**September 9, 2003 – Claims Against the Estate**

**Read:** Chapter 5, Section A, pgs. 124-137; Exercises 5A(1)-(2) (pgs. 125-26); Problem  
5A-2 (pg. 136-37).

**September 11, 2003 – Claims Against the Estate – Allowance and Secured Claims**

**Read:** Chapter 5, Sections B and C, pgs. 137-170; Bankruptcy Code §§ 502, 506.

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<sup>1</sup> “Extra Reading” means something I recommend you read but it is not required. Usually, this reading will be discussed in class.

**September 16, 2003 – The Bankruptcy Estate.**

**Read:** Chapter 6, pgs. 171-197; Bankruptcy Code §§ 541(a)(1), 522.

**September 18, 2003 – Executory Contracts – A definition.**

**Read:** Chapter 7, Sections A and B, pgs. 198-229.

**September 23, 2003 – Executory Contracts - Rejection**

**Read:** Chapter 7, Section C, pgs. 229-240.

**September 25, 2003 – Avoidance Powers – The Trustee’s Strong-Arm Powers.**

**Read:** Chapter 8, Sections A and B, pgs. 241-275; Exercise 4C(1).

**September 30, 2003 – Avoidance Powers – Fraudulent Conveyances**

**Read:** Chapter 8, Section C, pgs. 276-307.

**October 2, 2003 – Avoidance Powers – Preferences.**

**Read:** Chapter 8, Section D, Parts 1 and 2, pgs. 307-329.

**October 7, 2003 – Avoidance Powers – Safe Harbors.**

**Read:** Chapter 8, Section D, Part 3, pgs. 329-342.

**October 9, 2003 – Avoidance Powers – Setoffs and Turnover of Property.**

**Read:** Chapter 8, Section E, Chapter 9, Section A, pgs. 342-365

**October 14, 2003 – NO CLASS.**

**October 16, 2003 – Adequate Protection for the Secured Creditor**

**Read:** Chapter 9, Section B, pgs. 365-383.

**October 21, 2003 – Estate Administration – Use of Assets, Sale of Assets, Abandonment.**

**Read:** Chapter 9, Section C, pgs. 383-414.

**October 23, 2003 – DIP Financing.**

**Read:** Chapter 9, Section D, Part 1, pgs. 414-426

**October 28, 2003 – Administrative Expenses.**

**Read:** Chapter 9, Section D, Part 2, pgs. 426-452

**October 30, 2003 – Priorities.**

**Read:** Chapter 10, pgs. 453-468.

**November 4, 2003 – Individual Debtors.**

**Read:** Chapter 11, pgs. 469-530; Exercise 6A(2), pg. 176.

**November 6, 2003 - Chapter 13 Consumer Bankruptcy.**

**Read:** Chapter 12, pgs. 531-559.

**November 11, 13, 18, 20, 2003 – Chapter 11 Reorganization.**

**Read:** Chapter 13, Section A, pgs. 560-613.

**November 25, 2003 – REVIEW.**