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## FIRST COMMENT TO STUDENTS

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Richard Dooling's *WHITE MAN'S GRAVE* is the best<sup>2</sup> novel in which the protagonist is a bankruptcy lawyer. The first page of the novel describes Randall Killigan as the "best bankruptcy lawyer in Indianapolis." The second page explain why he is the best bankruptcy lawyer:

Randall lived and breathed the Bankruptcy Code and intimidated anybody who crossed him by quoting it chapter, section and verse. \* \* \* When Randall Killigan slept, he dreamed sections of the U.S. Bankruptcy Code, and woke up to discover money—lots of it—eagerly paid by clients who had insatiable appetites for his special insights into the Code.

The Bankruptcy Code is not only important to lawyers in novels but also to lawyers in the real world. And to law students in class and on exams.

Unless your bankruptcy prof is really twisted, she is not going to expect you to dream sections of the Bankruptcy Code. She will, however, expect you to read and understand sections of the Bankruptcy Code.

The Bankruptcy Code is title 11 of the United States Code. It was written in the 1970's by people who were experts in bankruptcy law for people who are experts in bankruptcy law. It was not "user friendly" when it was enacted in 1978. And, amendments through the years—especially the 2005 amendments<sup>3</sup>—have made the various sections of the Bankruptcy Code even more difficult for law students to read and understand.

This book emphasizes those sections of the Bankruptcy Code that your professor emphasizes. And, we make those sections more accessible (law prof talk for "easier") by deleting stuff that is not important, providing a context, and, from time to time, providing hints.

2. You are right. "best" does not mean much here. Not a lot of competition, not a lot of novels featuring bankruptcy lawyers.

3. The 2005 amendments are (mis)named Bankruptcy Abuse Prevention Consumer Pro-

tection Act and commonly referred to as BAPCPA (or worse).

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