

I have been reading everything bankruptcy related lately. A few weeks ago, [M. Jonathon Hayes](#) sent us an email on our listserv for the Central District Consumer Bankruptcy Attorneys Association, **CDCBAA** for short, that he had just published a new book entitled, [A Summary of Bankruptcy Law](#). I am one of those folks who likes summaries or digest versions of anything that cuts to the point and gives me just the meat, hold the potatoes and vegetables.

The section on **chapter 7** bankruptcies takes up a major portion of the summary material. I would have liked more information regarding **chapter 13** processes, but it is a summary, so I let that go. The material is concise and to the point. It's an easy read and looks similar to a top tier law student's outline of a subject. Not that I was a top tier law student, but I've obtained outlines from a few. Overall, the book holds up to its title as a summary and I would add, a thorough summary at that.

Like kicking the tires on a car you're thinking about buying, I took the book's website citations and case citations for a spin. The book provides valuable tools, advice on practice materials and case citations that I am still looking up. I recommend this book to the new practitioner and law student. Since the book was written by a California attorney, it is well suited for the California practitioner and more specifically, those of us practicing in the Central District. I even printed a copy of Judge Randall Newsome's [Research Notebook](#) and if I ever get a chance to meet the man, I promise to buy him a beer Jonathon. Thank you for your good work.