

## Study Aids: Secured Transactions

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The following is a list of recommended study aids in the Law Library's collection on secured transactions:

• American Law Institute [and] National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws. *Uniform Commercial Code... Official Text and Comments* (1972 -). Annual. Reserve, KF879.A15 U55 [year]

Pamphlet containing the full text of and official comment to each provision of the Uniform Commercial Code's Articles.

• Brook, James, *Secured Transactions: Examples and Explanations* (4th ed. 2008). Reserve, KF1053.A9 B76 2008

The author discusses major provisions of Article 9 of the Uniform Commercial Code which governs secured transactions. They are lease of goods, the security interest and its attachment, perfection of the interest, priorities, and default and enforcement. Each discussion of the topic is followed by examples for the reader to work through along with explanations of the examples.

• Hagedorn, Richard B, *Secured Transactions in a Nutshell* (5th ed. 2007). Reserve, KF1050.Z9 S43 2007

There are chapters on the security agreement, relationship of the parties prior to default, perfection of security interest, perfection of security interest by filing, choice of law and perfection in multiple state transactions, priorities of secured parties and others, bankruptcy or insolvency of debtor, default and enforcement of security interest.

•❖ Lawrence, William H. et al., *Understanding Secured Transactions* (4th ed. 2007). Reserve, KF1050 .H44 2007

In this text, the authors write about the scope of Article 9, the creation and perfection of security interests, priorities among competing claimants to collateral, and enforcement of security interests.

•❖ Stone, Bradford and Kristin David Adams, *Uniform Commercial Code in a Nutshell* (7th ed. 2008). Reserve, KF889.3 .S68 2008

Part Five has a discussion of the law of secured transactions as codified in Article 9.

•❖ White, James J. and Robert S. Summers, *Principles of Secured Transactions* (2007). Reserve, KF1050 .A9 W47 2007

This study aid is a basic overview of the provisions of Article 9.

•❖ White, James J. and Robert S. Summers, *Uniform Commercial Code* (5th ed. 2000). Reserve, KF890 .W45 2000

This classic hornbook (frequently referred to as “White and Summers”) on the various articles of the Uniform Commercial Code offers a detailed comprehensive discussion of the provisions of Article 9.

### **Electronic Study Aid: CALI**

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To view an annotated listing of the CALI lessons available for secured transactions, select “Commercial Transactions” under the heading “CALI Topics.” Of note is Professor William Boyd’s CANINE (The Complete Article Nine) lessons consisting of text and interactive problems.