Many beginning law students get frustrated with the traditional casebook and Socratic Dialogue methods of their first year of law school. Designed to ease and minimize such frustration are the following types of study guides that provide more “black letter” law than is delivered in the typical first year law class.

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Aspen Student Treatise Series – Designed as an introductory text to use alongside one’s casebooks, these texts seek to demystify the intricacies of their legal subjects by providing an intelligent overview of the subject for the first-year law student. These titles are noted for their clarity and readability.

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