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There is always something new and interesting in the [IHL Board Book](#). Here's something that got my attention: "Approved the request to hire attorney [William Wessler](#) to perform services necessary and render legal advice, recommendations, and representation to the university in the practice area of bankruptcy." According to Mr. Wessler's webpage he specializes in bankruptcy law. Do you have any idea why Southern Miss needs a bankruptcy lawyer?

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Not a clue. Even as much money as the University wastes, I seriously doubt if it is ready to file for bankruptcy. Other than credit hours, the University doesn't sell much in the way of a product to consumers. Students can't file for bankruptcy on their student loans. And, in any event, the school gets its money up front, leaving the lender to collect. So, there doesn't seem to be a lot of collections. Perhaps one of our readers can provide some insight.