Read Me First

The Bankruptcy Research Database is in research-ready format. The data file is in .csv and .xlsx formats and accompanied by two Stata .do files.

If you have Stata 10, 11, or 12 installed, these simple steps will enable you to begin running regressions:

1. Make an empty directory in which to work.
2. Click on the zip file to open it. You will see six files.
3. Choose "Extract all files" and point to the directory in which you will work.
4. Open BRD Import.do in the Stata do file editor window (on the Windows menu).
5. Change the path in the line that begins "cd" to point to the directory in which you plan to work.
6. Change the file name in the line that begins "insheet" to match the name of the csv file.
7. On the Tools menu, execute "Do" or click on BRD Import.do. Either will run both do files.
8. Click on -more- as necessary to see all the output.

If you are running Stata 12, the run will end with several regression tables; if you are running Stata 10, the run will end with one regression table and the error message iDE##c: operator invalid.

The files in this package are:

1. BRD Import.do
2. BRD Labels.do
3. Protocols.pdf
4. Read Me First.pdf
5. Florida-UCLA-LoPucki Bankruptcy Research Database.csv
6. Florida-UCLA-LoPucki Bankruptcy Research Database.xlsx
7. User's Manual.pdf