



WOL-903 Wills, Trusts, and Estates

Description:

WOL-903 introduces the basics of estate planning and bequeathing property through wills and trusts, along with the Uniform Probate Code and other laws and procedures involved. With its engaging, visual content and a writing style free of confusing legalese, the textbook provides up-to-date coverage of substantive probate law, procedural law, tax implications, ethical considerations, and the roles paralegals and other professionals play in the process. Case summaries, state-specific examples, detailed documents, practical assignments, and discussions of contemporary issues prepare students for their careers.

Textbook: Wills, Trusts, and Estate Administration, 8th Ed. – Hower – ISBN: 9781305506220

Course objectives:

Throughout the course, you will meet the following goals:

- Identify the various kinds of property, such as real, personal, probate, and non-probate.
- Explain the need for and purpose of an estate plan.
- Identify the advantages and disadvantages of a will.
- Identify and follow guidelines used to prepare wills.
- Identify the participants who are essential for drafting wills and trusts.
- Understand the current tax consequences for gifts and estates.
- Identify and define the essential elements of trusts.
- Explain the components of estate planning.

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Ch 1: Property in Wills, Trusts, and Estates	Ch 9: Probate and Estate Administration
Ch 2: The Estate Plan, and Need for a Will	Ch 10: Informal Probate Administration
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Ch 4: Wills: Validity, Modification, and Revocation	Ch 12: Introduction to Trusts
Ch 5: Preparing to Draft a Will	Ch 13: Classification of Trusts
Ch 6: Final Draft and Execution of a Valid Will	Ch 14: Estate Planning
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Grading Scale

A = 90-100%
 B = 80-89%
 C = 70-79%
 D = 60-69%
 F = under 59%

Grade Weighting

Chapter Quizzes..... 70%
Final Exam 30%
 100%