

Trusts & Wills

Course No. 5339

Section 12399

Spring 2015

4:00p-5:30p MW

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I. Course Materials

Required text: Dukeminier & Sitkoff, *Wills, Trusts, and Estates* (9th Ed. 2013) published by Wolters Kluwer

Also Required: Texas Estates Code

Texas Trust Code (which is part of the Texas Property Code)

I strongly suggest *Johanson's Texas Estates Code Annotated* (2014 Edition) published by Thomson Reuters Westlaw.

II. Contact Information

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Office hours will be made by appointment.

I prefer you contact me by email prior to the start of the semester. After the start of the semester, you may contact me by email, office phone, or in person after class.

III. Outline of Course

The course will cover the law of trusts and wills. The course will familiarize students with common law and statutory provisions relating to the gratuitous transfer of assets. The course will be a combination of lecture and discussion. I will also attempt to offer examples of practical application based upon my years of practice in the area of probate and estates. I hope the course will be both challenging and enjoyable.

III. Class Attendance and Preparation

You will be expected to attend every class meeting and to arrive promptly.

You are expected to be prepared for each class.

IV. Grades

There will be one final exam at the end of the semester. However, your grade may be affected by class participation and attendance. I reserve the right to raise or lower your grade based upon class participation and/or absences.

V. Syllabus

A detailed syllabus will be made available at the time of or prior to the first class. The course will cover the following general areas: Intestacy, Wills, Challenges to Wills, Non-Probate Methods of Transfers and other Estate Planning, and Trusts.

VI. Student Handbook and Compliance with Honor Code

Each student is responsible for complying with the University of Houston Law Center's student handbook.

I aim to foster a spirit of honesty and a high standard of integrity.