

Syllabus

Elder Law, Course No.27028

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Course Description

This course is an Introduction to Elder Law in Texas. It covers the following topics: Elder Abuse, exploitation and neglect, powers of attorney and advance directives, Social Security and retirement planning, disability benefits, Medicare and Medicaid, Long term care insurance, Estate recovery, housing options, Veterans' benefits, and special needs trusts.

Course Material

Texas Practice Series Vol. 51 *Texas Elder Law*
Abshire, Farrell, Sitchler, Wright
2017-2018 edition, Thomson Reuters
ISBN 978-0-314-84343-2

Assignments

Please read the assigned material before class and be prepared to discuss. For the first class, read Chapter 1 Introduction to Elder Law from the assigned course material. Grades may be adjusted based on lack of participation and/or lack of preparedness.

Office Hours

Please email me to schedule a mutually convenient time to meet. Meeting before or immediately after class is often best.

Computer Use

Use of personal computers for taking notes is permitted. Surfing the web and texting during class is not permitted.

Inclement Weather

If there is inclement weather, such as flooding or icy conditions, please check with me via email mid-day to determine the status of holding class that day.

Class and Grading

This class will be a combination of class lecture, case studies and class participation.

There will be no mid-term, only a final exam which will be held in class. You will be permitted to use your course materials for the exam.

Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS)

Please take note of the following:

Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS) can help students who are having difficulties managing stress, adjusting to the demands of a professional program, or feeling sad and hopeless. You can reach CAPS (www.uh.edu/caps) by calling 713-743-5454 during and after business hours for routine appointments or if you or someone you know is in crisis. No appointment is necessary for the “Let's Talk” program, a drop-in consultation service at convenient locations and hours around campus. http://www.uh.edu/caps/outreach/lets_talk.html