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Wills, Trusts, And Estates



Synopsis

Retaining the late Jesse Dukeminier's signature blend of wit, erudition, insight, and playfulness, *Wills, Trusts, and Estates*, now in its *Eighth Edition*, continues to offer interesting cases, well written notes, and a logical organization. The *Eight Edition's* new Companion Website, available with adoptions, includes an electronic version of the Teacher's Manual, PowerPoint slides on selected topics, and author updates.

A stellar example of a great casebook, *Wills, Trusts, and Estates* features:

- eminently clear presentation of topics
- comprehensive substantive coverage
- inspired case selection
- engaging notes, questions, and problems that connect and highlight legal themes and principles
- humorous and illustrative cartoons, art, photographs, and other images
- a detailed Teacher's Manual that answers every question and problem posed in the casebook and includes comments on material cited in the text, analyses, comments, syllabus notes, and teaching suggestions

With many new and revised notes, questions, and problems, the carefully updated Eighth Edition explores:

- New developments in law reform by the ALI and NCCUSL, such as:
 - the 2008 Amendments to the Uniform Probate Code, including validation of notarized wills, reformation of wills for mistake, and a reworking of the spousal share
 - the Uniform Power of Attorney Act
 - further progress in the Restatement (Third) of Trusts and Restatement (Third) of Property
- Ongoing developments in the law, in such areas as:
 - inheritance rights for same-sex partners
 - the posthumous right of publicity
 - the power of an agent to alter an incompetent principal's estate plan
 - liberalized rules of trust modification and termination, and of trustee removal
 - standing for donors in suits against the trustees of charitable trusts
 - perpetual trusts and self-settled asset protection trusts
- Increasingly important topics such as:
 - the movement to cure will execution defects and reform mistakes in wills
 - fiduciary administration and trust investment law
 - will contests, particularly the law of capacity and insane delusion

Co-authors Robert Sitkoff and James Lindgren took great care to preserve the voice and spirit of Jesse Dukeminier, while fulfilling the trust and expectation among users for timely and relevant coverage, cases, and

note material. </p> </p> </p> </p> *Teacher's Manuals are a professional courtesy offered to professors only. For more information or to request a copy, please contact Aspen Publishers at 800-950-5259 or legaledu@wolterskluwer.com. </p> </p> </p> </p> </p> </p> </p>

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Customer Reviews

If you want to learn the general law about Wills and Trusts, this is the book. There are other supplements you can buy that can introduce you to the subject, but no other book comes close to going to the depth that this book does. It is helpful to have taken a course in Property before reading this book, so that you will have experience in dealing with the Rule Against Perpetuities. Ever since G.W. Bush passed the largest tax cut in history, many people think the rich should not be able to endow their children with a large inheritance as it destroys the democratic system we have where everyone has a equal chance at succeeding. This book has given me another perspective about the issue of inheritance. Suppose for a moment we weren't allowed to transfer anything to our children. If that were to become law, do you really think people would work as hard as they do now, knowing that everything that they have reverts back to the State once they die? Do we want to take away that incentive to work hard? I don't think so. Another aspect of this book that I particular enjoy is the way that it is organized. If you ever wanted to know all the different types of trusts there are, this book covers it. It also does a good job of introducing you to tax planning during wealth transfers. This book also does a good job of making you think. Do you know what happens when two people who are married die at the same time or when it is unclear which one died first? It seems insignificant, but suppose A and B, married, both die in a car crash. A initially willed that everything

go to B and C. B willed everything to go to her children. If B died first, A's wealth should go to C. If A died first, B's children and C should get something. What if it's unclear who died first?

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