Wills, Trusts & Estates
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Text: Dukeminier, Johanson, Lindgren & Sitkoff, Wills, Trusts, and Estates, 8th Ed.
Minnesota Statutes: https://www.revisor.leg.state.mn.us/stats/524/

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Regular attendance and participation are expected. I will start promptly at 6 pm and end at 8:50.

If you are not prepared for class, leave me a note before class and I won't call on you. I will probably remember if you make a habit of it.

Your grade will be based on your final exam score. The final exam will be short-answer and essays based on word problems similar to the ones we will discuss in class. I reserve the right to raise your grade by one increment for meaningful and consistently strong in-class participation.

You may use computers to take notes, but be respectful of your neighbors and avoid distracting multitasking/websurfing activities during class. Please turn off your cell phones.

I will be happy to stay after class to talk to you if you have questions. Otherwise e-mail or call me to set up a time to talk, either in person or by phone. mpsampson@me.com or (612) 741-9668.

I will try my best to make the course practical and discuss real-life situations from my practice. Since this is a bar course, however, I will teach you the rules, too.