

**Law 330**  
**Wills, Trusts, and Estates**

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We will be approaching the study of Wills, Trusts, and Estates with an emphasis on Virginia law this semester. Our casebook is Jesse Dukeminier, Stanley M. Johanson, James Lindgren and Robert H. Sitkoff Wills, Trusts, and Estates (7th ed. Aspen 2005). Our statutory supplement is Vol. 9A of the Va. Code Ann. with 2006 Cumulative Supplement (Lexis 2006) and 2007 Interim Supplement (Lexis 2007). We will also cover other sections of the Virginia Code as applicable.

Class Policies:

A seating chart will be circulated at the first class. Please select a permanent seat for the semester.

Students are expected to be prepared and to attend class on-time and for the full class period.

Attendance will be taken by passing a class list for signatures at the start of each class session.

There are no excused absences so please do not contact me regarding the reason for your absence from class.

I reserve the right to lower the grade of any student based on absences and/or lack of preparedness for class, or to prohibit that student from taking the final examination.

I also reserve the right to grant a plus to students who are consistently prepared and make meaningful contributions to class discussions on a regular basis.

Your grade in the course will be based on your grade on the final examination (as modified by the previous paragraph). The examination will be closed book.

Assignments for the first week of class:

Dukeminier pp. 20-83.

Va. Code Ann.

64.1-1 through 64.1-12;

64.1-17;

64.1-104.1 through 64.1-104.9;

Assignments for the Semester:

During the semester, we will cover the following:

Chapter 1, pp. 20 to the end

Chapters 2 - 6 in their entirety

Chapter 7, pp. 417-455 and pp. 462 to the end

Chapters 8 and 9 in their entirety

Chapters 12, 13 and 14 in their entirety

As a general rule, plan to stay approximately 35-40 pages ahead of where we ended in the prior class period.

Always read the portion of the Virginia Code that is relevant to the topics being discussed. For any issue or question raised in the casebook, always ask yourself, how would that question be answered under the laws of Virginia? You will find most of the relevant portions in Title 64.1 of the Code of Virginia, however there are times when you will need to check other sections of the Virginia Code. Be certain to check the latest supplement for changes in the law.

As an adjunct faculty member, I do not maintain regular office hours at the law school. However, I am available to meet with students for brief discussions after class or for more lengthy discussions by appointment.