COURSE NAME: Elder Law

CATALOGUE NUMBER: 8733E

PROFESSOR: Kisthardt

ESSENTIAL PREREQUISITES: None

DESIRABLE PREREQUISITES: Estates & Trusts

COURSE BOOKS: REQUIRED:


METHOD OF GRADING & APPRAISAL OF STUDENT FOR GRADE:

Grades will be based on (1) preparedness and participation (including projects), (2) a midterm exam, (3) a paper and short presentation on a topic related to Elder law. There is no final exam.

SUMMARY DESCRIPTION OF COURSE:

Through a combination of reading, research, class discussion, and hands-on projects, this course introduces students to the broad legal issues that most often confront American elders.

COURSE CONTENT:

The effects of aging; ethical issues common to an elder law practice; federal programs such as Social Security, Medicare, and Medicaid; state law approaches to guardianship and property issues; fundamentals of various retirement plans; health care decision-making; elder abuse; and various issues of research and drafting.

RELEVANCY OF COURSE FOR CAREER PURPOSES:

- Essential for any student interested in a career in elder law.
- Extremely advisable for students interested in careers in general law, family law, estate planning, or health care law, and for those interested in government program administration or politics.
- Very helpful for students interested in advising small business owners, individual tax payers, or employee benefit plans.
- Inevitably useful for anyone planning to grow old or related to someone planning to grow old.

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