**TRUSTS & ESTATES**
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**COURSE DESCRIPTION**
Welcome to Trusts & Estates. This is a survey course on the law of modern estate planning. The following topics will be covered in-depth: intestacy, executing a valid will, contesting a final testament, creating trusts, identifying the duties of trustees. The final grade in the course will be determined by an in-class final examination and class participation.

**COURSE MATERIALS**
The required casebook is DUKEMINIER & SITKOFF: WILLS, TRUSTS, AND ESTATES (9th ed. 2013). From time to time, I may also assign portions of the Kentucky Statutes on Trusts and Estates, or articles that may be particularly interesting or relevant.

**COMPUTER POLICY**
Be warned: I do not allow students to use computers or other electronic devices in class. Please purchase a notebook and some crisp No. 2 pencils.

**CLASS ATTENDANCE**
Class attendance is mandatory. I acknowledge, however, that life sometimes gets in the way of school. During the course of the semester, I will overlook your first three absences – although please email me when you know you will have to miss class. After the first three, I will lower your final mark by one-third of a letter grade for each unexcused absence. An absence will be excused only if you inform me in advance or otherwise have some emergency (something that involves a doctor’s note, birth certificate, or death certificate). There will be no exceptions (really), so please plan accordingly. You are free to come into class late, but if you’re not in your seat when I start talking it counts as a half-absence.

**OFFICE HOURS**
My office hours will be on Tuesdays, from 11-2 pm. I’ll have a sign-up sheet posted outside of my office each week. If you cannot make it during this time, please send me an email at albertina.antognini@uky.edu to set up a more convenient time to meet.

**COURSE GRADE**
Final grades in this course will be based upon the following:

**A. Class Participation.** Discussion is encouraged and expected. I use a gentle cold calling system, meaning I am happy to call on those who volunteer. Please come to class prepared to talk about all of the usual goodies: what are the basic facts of the cases, who are the parties, what is the procedural posture, what are the major issues at stake, and what is the holding. I recognize that, once or twice during the semester, you may not have time to get through all of the reading. If you find yourself unprepared in any way, please let me know before the start of class and I will not call on you. I reserve the right to increase your final
grade by up to 1/3 of a grade for consistent and exceptional class participation. I also reserve the right to lower your grade by 1/3 for repeated unpreparedness or disruptiveness.

B. Final Exam. The majority of your grade will be determined by a three-hour final examination. The exam will be open book.

**ACADEMIC INTEGRITY & HONOR CODE**
The law school community regards breaches of the school’s academic honesty policy as extremely serious matters. The University’s core beliefs are published in the University of Kentucky College of Law Honor Code. If you have any doubt about whether your work is or would be consistent with the UK code of conduct, please consult me.

**ADA ACCOMMODATION**
If you need an accommodation due to a disability under the Americans with Disabilities Act, contact Associate Dean Michael immediately. Advance notice is required for many accommodations.