ESTATE PLANNING CURRICULUM

The curriculum in estate planning consists of the following 5 courses:

- **Wills and Trusts**—Given every fall
- **Federal Estate and Gift Tax**—Given every fall
- **Trust Construction and Fiduciary Administration**—Given in spring of alternate years
- **Estate Planning**—Given in spring of alternate years
- **Will Drafting for the General Practitioner**—Given every spring

Allied courses are all tax courses (particularly Federal Income Tax), Law and the Elderly and Business Associations.

There are no prerequisites for any of these courses except:

- Trust Construction and Fiduciary Administration, which consists of advanced Wills topics and Estate Administration, which has a prerequisite of Wills and Trusts.

- Estate Planning has prerequisites of Wills and Trusts and Federal Estate and Gift Tax. Federal Income Tax is a co-requisite.

Estate Planning and Trust Construction and Fiduciary Administration are for those students who plan to specialize in Estate Planning. For those who think that a small or moderate part of their practice may be in this field, Wills and Trusts and Federal Estate and Gift Tax are sufficient.

A student should probably take Wills and Trusts as the first course in the area, although Federal Estate and Gift Tax can be taken concurrently with Wills and Trusts or even prior to it without significant problems. Wills and Trusts can be followed by either Federal Estate and Gift Tax or Trust Construction and Fiduciary Administration. Estate Planning is the capstone course.

The only sequential difficulty is for students who are second year students in a year when Estate Planning is given. Such students must complete Wills and Trusts in either the fall of their second year or the summer between their first and second year and Federal Estate and Gift Tax in the fall of their second year. Federal Income Tax, although a co-requisite, is currently not offered in the spring semester, so it must therefore also be taken in the summer between the first and second year or in the fall of the second year. Students who become second year students in a year in which Estate Planning is not offered do not have this problem and can spread out these courses.

Will Drafting for the General Practitioner is given every spring semester. This course will focus on the drafting of clauses commonly used in wills. It is aimed at the person who will spend 10 to 25% of his or her time in this area of practice. There is a seat limit of 24 students for this course.