

Estates and Trusts

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Monday and Tuesday 9:00-10:15am
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[all page references are to Dukeminier, Johanson, Lindgren & Sitkoff
Wills, Trusts, and Estates, 7th ed.]

Course Website/Blog: <http://jurist.law.pitt.edu/estates/2009spring/>

Estates

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January 13	The Probate Process and Estate Planning 30-48
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January 26	Transfers to Children 83-120
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March 31	Discretionary Trusts 533-545
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April 7	Charitable Trusts/ Modification of Charitable Trusts 729-750

Future Interests

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April 14	Construction of Future Interests 630-648
April 20	The Rule Against Perpetuities 671-686; 697-723
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