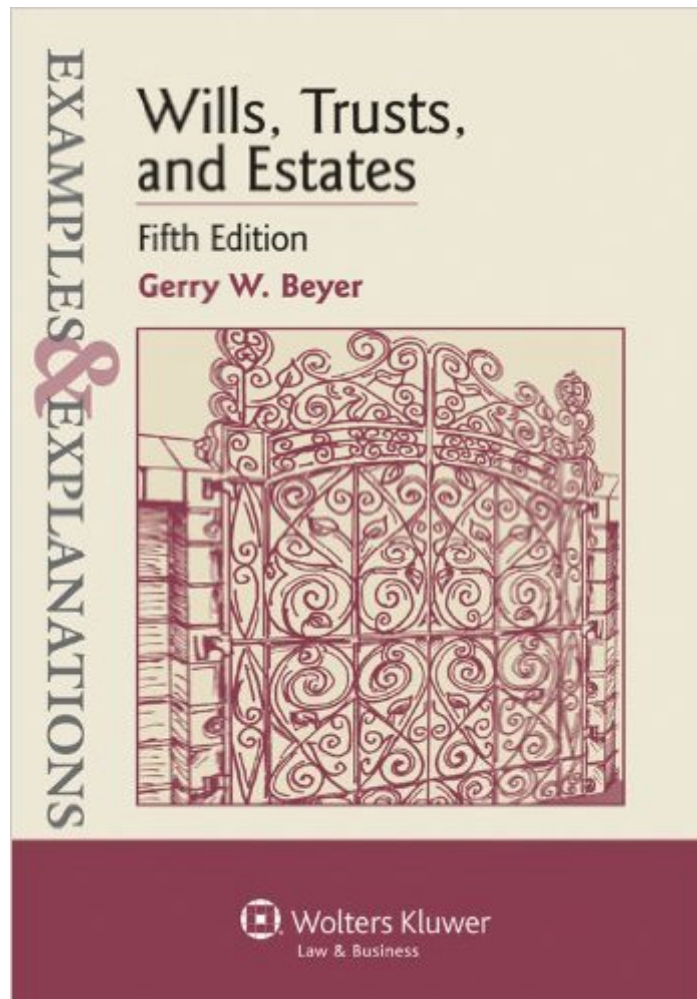


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## Synopsis

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I have used this series on and off throughout law school and this is easily my favorite one. It keys perfectly the 8th edition Dukeminier textbook, and I am sure the 9th edition since that book is really close to the 8th. I love that every concept is explained and immediately followed by an example and explanation. For me this allowed for a full understanding and teasing of each idea before moving on. I found this preferable to the usual format of a chapter followed by a giant block of questions. Finally, Beyer's writing style is concise and to the point and the pages flew by when I read them. I have not gotten my grade back yet for this course, but I am eager to because I felt very prepared thanks to this excellent book. Highly recommended.

I especially liked how this E&E had tables of correspondence to let you know which sections corresponded to which chapters in various textbooks. The information sections of the book were clearly worded and the examples were helpful in testing myself on the material. Would use again.

Helpful book in great condition. This book does a great job explaining the purpose behind these rules/laws. Fabulous supplement for wills and trusts!

Considering how good the other books in this series are, I was quiet disappointed. I would have liked it to take a more tax based approach then a general overview. I did not think it went into the areas that were necessary and included many off the wall topics.

I've read about 8 of the E&Es so far, and this is by far the worst. It is completely bare bones, and does nothing to supplement my textbook reading. For example, on the section describing how various jurisdictions treat holographic material in a holographic will, it gives says in 1 sentence: "The modern view, which is adopted by UPC §2-502(b), is the material provision approach, which deems a will to be holographic merely if the most important words are in the testator's handwriting." That's it. No explanation of what important words mean (hint: material portions are the words identifying the property and the devisee). Complete waste of money. If you're looking for a supplement to your textbook, don't buy this. If you're the 2L or 3L who doesn't read the textbook, doesn't go to class, and hopes that a supplement will pull it together for you at the end of the semester, do not buy. Under all circumstances, do not buy.

I love examples and explanations for studying. I think they are a necessity for preparing for finals, and for clarifying any issues.

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