

LAW323 Wills, Probate and Administration

Level: 3

Credit Units: 5 Credit Units

Language: ENGLISH

Presentation Pattern: EVERY JAN

Synopsis:

LAW323 Wills, Probate and Administration deals with the law of succession, and in particular the laws that govern the writing of wills, the grant of probate and/or letters of administration, the distribution of assets and the problems of contentious probates when wills are contested.

Topics:

- Introduction to the Law of Inheritance & the Effects of Death
- Wills
- Islamic Law of Inheritance
- Rights of Succession
- Letters of Representation and Personal Representatives
- Estate Duty
- Non-Contentious Probate
- Contentious Probate; Part 14 of Family Justice Rules 2014
- Assets of a Deceased
- Rights, Powers, Duties and Liabilities of Personal Representatives
- Distribution of Assets of an Estate
- Mental Capacity Act

Textbooks:

Raman, G.: Probate and Administration in Singapore and Malaysia 2012, 3rd ed Singapore: LexisNexis.
ISBN-13: 9789812369529

Learning Outcome:

- Explain the various sources of the relevant law, how it is made and developed; of the institutions within which that law is administered and the personnel who practice law
- Demonstrate understanding of legal concepts, values, principles and procedures of Singapore law and explain the relationship between them in a number of subject areas, as well as to apply them
- Analyse fact patterns to identify relevant issues of law, fact and procedure.
- Indicate the relevant rule of substantive law, procedure or evidence relevant to the issues identified
- Apply the relevant laws and principles to come to a conclusion on the issues
- Formulate an opinion, provide a solution and advise based on the conclusions
- Discuss critically, competing arguments in literature or in a group situation and make a reasoned choice between alternatives
- Express ideas, concepts and arguments in the English language and legal terminology with care and accuracy
- Employ information technology in an office environment for the search for information, the preparation of documents and presentations

Assessment Strategies:

| Continuous Assessment Component | Weightage (%) |
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| PRE-CLASS QUIZ | 5 |
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| TUTOR-MARKED ASSIGNMENT | 10 |
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| TUTOR-MARKED ASSIGNMENT | 15 |
| Sub-Total | 50 |

| Examinable Component | Weightage (%) |
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| Written Exam | 50 |
| Sub-Total | 50 |

Weightage Total **100**