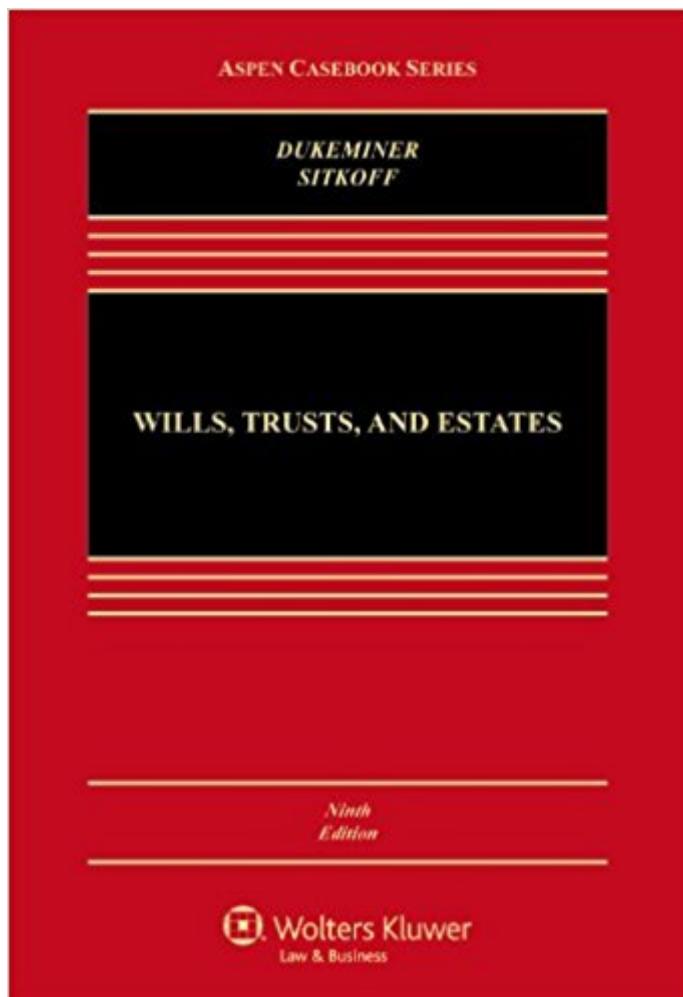


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Wolters Kluwer should be embarrassed to charge \$210 for a textbook, and Professor Sitkoff should be ashamed to have taken part in this new edition (and assigned it to his own section this Fall, despite the availability of a low-priced after market for the previous edition!) But students have no choice! The pages have been re-jigged so it is impossible to correlate the previous edition of the text to their syllabus. Has the quality improved? New content? Nope! Just re-shuffle the pages so students must pay \$210 new, rather than under \$100 for a used, prior edition. If you are taking 4 courses this semester, at this rate you can expect to pay \$850 for textbooks alone this semester. Disgusting! So why not charge \$300 or \$400 for a book? I'm sure this is coming down the road. The students have no choice but to pay it or drop the course. Pricing like this leads one to the strong suspicion that either the legal education publishing industry has been cartelized, or instructors have no empathy for their students. I could comment on the book's positive qualities, but the insane price tag really is impossible to look beyond. For shame!

they change the pages around from the old edition, add a few words and bang you are out \$200 when you could get an older copy for less than a quarter the price. Buy the old edition use the index/table of contents and save some \$ (but not time)

I have the Eight Edition, so unless there was a major overhaul in clarity, this is the worst case book I have had throughout law school. The cases (purportedly chosen to teach black letter law) are confusing and often illustrate some minor exception instead of the rule itself. Our professor would even get confused about what the case was trying to tell us. The text preceding the cases is meandering and unclear. Attention All Professors: Avoid this book and go for the Contemporary Series if you really want to help your students learn property law.

I ordered the kindle version, and it does not provide page numbers, contrary to the description! Buyer beware - if the professor assigns by page number, you will have to do a little bit of extra homework to figure out the real assignment. Otherwise, I'm not sure yet if it is a good book. Maybe I'll have a follow-up at the end of the semester, but I'm not a legal expert, so my review on that aspect might not be very valuable.

This book does case illustrations very well in that they really explain some of the confusion that inherently arises in estate law. However, this book mostly focuses on those states that are not community property states and it leaves a little to be desired in this area. As for the Uniform Probate

Code, this book does a good job at illustrating the principles.

Couldn't agree more with the review by R. Horn. I have the 8th edition but can't use it because the pages must be moved around - every section I compared to the syllabus is way off. Such a headache.

This book is a perfect choice for teaching a Trusts and Estates law course in any law school. It is very easy to read and to learn from. The authors chose great cases for this book. Would recommend to any professor looking for a casebook to teach their Trusts and Estates law class with.

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