

LAWS 3021 ESTATE AND SUCCESSION PLANNING

Credit Points 10

Legacy Code 200624

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Description The subject aims to provide a detailed study of laws which impact on estate and succession planning, with a focus on identifying practical and strategic planning opportunities and outcomes. The subject forms part of the elective stream of a sub-major in financial planning. Some issues considered in this subject also have an impact in respect to investments, insurance and risk management, retirement, superannuation and taxation consequences.

School Law

Discipline Business and Commercial Law

Student Contribution Band HECS Band 4 10cp

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Level Undergraduate Level 3 subject

Pre-requisite(s) LAWS 1004

Equivalent Subjects LGYB 9952 - Estate and Succession Planning

Learning Outcomes

On successful completion of this subject, students should be able to:

1. Identify the key elements of estate planning vehicles
2. Identify key aspects of taxation as it relates to estate planning
3. Apply their understanding of estate planning concepts to analysing and solving practical problems
4. Research and present findings concerning the application of estate planning vehicles

Subject Content

Role of estate planning within financial planning
 Estate and succession planning processes
 Feature of wills, codicils and intestacy
 Powers of Attorney and Guardianship
 Discretionary and Testamentary Trusts
 Capital Gains Tax and estate planning
 Succession planning as it applies to business operations
 Effect of Contracts
 Family Law Considerations
 Property Law Considerations

Prescribed Texts

- Michael Perkins and Robert Monahan, Estate Planning: A Practical Guide for Estate and Financial Service Professionals (LexisNexis, 3rd ed, 2011)
- Stephen Barkoczy, Core Tax Legislation and Study Guide (CCH, 15th ed, 2012)

Teaching Periods