

COURSE TITLE AND NUMBER: LA 206 PROBATE LAW

# North Central Michigan College

NCMC MASTER COURSE SYLLABUS FOR YEARS 2001-2003

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DIVISION/AREA: Business and Technology

DEPARTMENT:

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DIVISION DIRECTOR: Robert J. Marsh, Ph.D., P.E.

ORIGINATOR:

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DEAN OF INSTRUCTION: Timothy Dykstra, Ph.D.

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TOTAL HOURS OF INSTRUCTION: 3    LECTURE: 3    LAB: 0    TOTAL CONTACT HOURS: 52.8

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CREDIT HOURS:

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COURSE TITLE: Probate Law

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TRANSFERABLE    YES:            NO: X            TO:

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PREREQUISITE(S)/COREQUISITE(S)/ADVISORY:

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## CATALOG DESCRIPTION:

The student will be given an overview of probate law including document and form preparation, drafting wills, powers of attorney, patient advocate forms and trusts. The student will also learn the basics of probating an estate and the funding of trusts.

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## GENERAL EDUCATION OUTCOMES:

- Think critically and analytically
  - Write and speak effectively
  - Independently acquire knowledge
  - Select and use mathematical tools for problem solving and decision making
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COURSE OBJECTIVES & OUTCOMES:

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METHODS OF INSTRUCTION: Lecture, in class discussions, homework and research assignments

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METHODS OF EVALUATION:

Class attendance and participation	10%
Course assignments and projects	30%
Mid-term examination	30%
Final examination	30%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>100%</b>

REQUIRED TEXTS:

Hower, Dennis R., Wills, Trusts, and Estate Administration for the Paralegal, 4th Edition, West Publishing Company, 1996.

OPTIONAL SUPPLEMENTARY MATERIALS:

Reasonable accommodations may be provided for students with documented physical, sensory, cognitive, systemic, and/or psychiatric disabilities. Please contact the Education Opportunity Program (EOP) at (231) 348-6687 to arrange services for this course.

TIME ALLOWANCE AND SEQUENCE OF INSTRUCTION:

<b>Week</b>	<b>Chapter and Topic</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Introductions and course overview.</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>Chapter One</b> Pages 1-18 The Purpose and Need for a Will
<b>3</b>	<b>Chapter Two</b> Pages 19-64 The Concept of Property Relating to Wills, Trusts, and Estate Administration
<b>4</b>	<b>In-class project.</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>Chapter Three</b> Pages 65-83 The Participants and the Proper Court
<b>6 &amp; 7</b>	<b>Chapter Four</b> Pages 84-130 The Law of Succession: Death Testate or Intestate <b>Michigan law of succession under EPIC.</b>
<b>8</b>	<b>Chapter Five</b> Pages 131-158 Wills: Validity Requirements, Modification, Revocation, and Contest Michigan overview under RPC and EPIC Review for Midterm exam

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<b>9</b>	<b>Mid-term examination.</b>
<b>10</b>	Chapter Six, Pages 159-195  Preparing to Draft a Will: Checklists and the Conference with the Client
<b>11</b>	Chapter Seven, Pages 196-237 Drafting and Executnig a Valid, Legal Will
<b>12</b>	In class project
<b>13</b>	Chapter Eight, Pages 238-267 Introduction to Trusts
<b>14</b>	Chapter Nine, Pages 268-320 Classification of Trusts, the Living Trust and other special trusts
<b>15</b>	Review for Final Examination
<b>16</b>	Final Exam

APPROVED FOR ADOPTION BY THE CRD/AP COMMITTEE ON \_\_\_\_\_