

GEORGETOWN LAW

Certificate in Estate Planning

Private Wealth Planning as a Specialized Program. Georgetown University Law Center offers a Certificate program in the field of Estate Planning. It is taught by distinguished faculty comprised of full-time professors and leading lawyers from private practice. The program offers a comprehensive curriculum on all aspects of private wealth planning, with courses that are both current and practical in their focus.

Full-Time or Part-Time Study. Students may enroll for the Estate Planning Certificate on a full- or part-time basis, and may do so as part of an LL.M. degree or as a stand-alone program. As a stand-alone program, the Certificate can be completed in two or more semesters of part-time study. Students who enroll for the Certificate as part of a degree program generally complete it within the Tax LL.M. degree. The Tax LL.M. curriculum includes more than 60 courses in all aspects of tax law including corporate taxation, international taxation, partnerships, retirement income, executive compensation, tax practice and procedure, and exempt organizations.

Course Selection. Students must have completed a basic course in federal individual income taxation (such as Georgetown's *Taxation I*) and an appropriate course in wills, trusts and estates (such as Georgetown's *Decedents' Estates*) as prerequisites to commencing work on the Estate Planning Certificate. In rare cases, these prerequisites may be waived if a student has substantial relevant work experience.

The Estate Planning Certificate Program has four required courses, comprising 10 academic credits, and one elective course. The required courses are:

- *Income Taxation of Trusts, Estates, and Beneficiaries* (Fall semester, 2 credits)
- *Estate and Gift Tax* (Fall semester, 2 credits)
- *Special Topics in Transfer Tax* (Fall semester, 2 credits)
- *Advanced Private Wealth Planning Seminar* (Spring semester, 4 credits)

The elective course, comprising the final two credits, may address any topic relevant to estate planning. These topics could include business succession planning, partnerships and LLCs, charitable organizations, executive compensation, employee benefits, or international tax.

Faculty are Prominent Practitioners in their Fields. Faculty for the estate planning courses include: *Natanya Allan*, The Pew Charitable Trusts, formerly Partner, Baker & Hostetler LLP; *Edward Jay Beckwith*, Partner, Baker & Hostetler LLP; *James Hogan*, Branch Chief, IRS Office of Chief Counsel, Passthroughs & Special Industries (Branch 4); *H. Carter Hood*, Partner, Ivins, Phillips & Barker, Chtd.; *David Kirk*, Attorney, IRS Office of Chief Counsel, Passthroughs & Special Industries (Branch 2); *Mary Ann Mancini*, Partner, Bryan Cave LLP, *Jerry J. McCoy*, Private Practice, Washington, D.C.; *Anne O'Brien*, Partner, Arnold & Porter; *Julia O'Brien*, Partner, Furey, Doolan & Abell; *A. Christopher Segal*, Partner, Venable LLP; *Douglas L. Siegler*, Partner, Sutherland, Asbill & Brennan LLP; and *Stafford Smiley*, Professor, Graduate Tax Program and Member, Caplin & Drysdale, Chtd.

Practical Hands-on Experience Through Externships. Students enrolled in the LL.M. program may earn academic credit for part-time work at professional service firms and at government agencies like the Internal Revenue Service, the Senate Finance Committee, the House Ways & Means Committee, and the Joint Committee on Taxation.

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