

Trusts & Estates  
Fall 2021  
(Gilden)

First Assignment (Tuesday, August 24)

- 1) Read pages 1-18 in our textbook, Dukeminier & Sitkoff, Wills, Trusts, and Estates (9th Ed.).
- 2) Read the following article: <http://www.newnownext.com/transgender-lawsuit-rachel-fish-inheritance/07/2017/>. If you were representing Rachel Fish, what arguments would you make to dissolve the special needs trust? If you were representing her brother, what arguments would you make enforce this provision of his mother's will?
- 3) Read the following article and assess the portions of Hugh Hefner's trust discussed therein: <https://www.eonline.com/news/901592/hugh-hefner-s-trust-details-revealed-no-drugs-or-alcohol-abuse-allowed>. If you were advising Hefner on planning his estate, why might he want to include these provisions? Why might you advise him not to?
- 4) Read the following article about the results of a recent survey about estate planning in the United States: <https://www.caring.com/caregivers/estate-planning/wills-survey/> How has the COVID-19 pandemic changed perceptions of estate planning? Why might younger Americans now be more likely to have an estate plan than middle-aged Americans? The survey also observes significant racial disparities in estate planning. Why might this be? Why might estate planning be especially important within minority communities?