School of Law Elective – Autumn 2015
LLB 377 Wills and Succession Planning
(Special Studies in Law E)

Lindsay Stoddart was admitted in the Supreme Court in 1974 and the High Court in 1976 and has practiced extensively in the areas of estate planning and wills (with a special focus on testamentary trust wills), trusts, business structures and elder law. Lindsay is a director of Acorn Lawyers (a strong supporter of the university). Acorn Lawyers is Wollongong’s, if not New South Wales’, fastest growing law firm.

With some 20 years’ experience in estate planning, Lindsay’s lecturing style will include real life stories, a hands on approach and practical assessments.

Estate Planning is almost the flavour of the month and offers great potential employment opportunities, once the newly admitted solicitor gains hands on experience. The subject outline will be on Moodle over the next few weeks, but areas of teaching include:

- An overview of the three primary acts and some ancillary legislation
- What is estate planning? – an approach and basic documents
- Drafting testamentary trust wills
- Getting those powers of attorney and appointments of enduring guardian right for the particular client
- Grants of Probate and similar – administration of estates
- Rectifying wills
- Family provision claims (contested wills)
- Who has to prove what – evidence, and
- Court made wills.

Classes will be interactive and there will be opportunity for small group discussion.

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