William Carmines LLM'10
Partner, The Heritage Law Group

"For a younger attorney in elder law and estate planning, you really need something to make you stand out in order to make your prospective clients trust you. I believe having the LLM really helped me do that. From law school, and my experience, I had a good start. But, the LLM gave me the extra credentials to convince my clients that I really knew what I was doing and that I could help them."

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- **Admissions Requirements:** J.D. from an ABA-accredited law school, or admission to practice by any U.S. jurisdiction.
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Professor Fred Royal
Associate Dean of LLM Program

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Attorney Aimee Griffin JD'03/LLM'09
The Griffin Firm PLLC, Washington DC

"A huge portion of people don't have any estate plans. When you have an LLM, you can have a conversation about this. You can change the course of many families and communities by doing true estate planning. When you empower and educate a family, you can empower a community, which is transformative for the region."

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Attorney Hyman Darling L'77
Past President of the National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys, 2017-2018
Chair of the Estate Planning and Elder Law Department, Bacon Wilson, P.C.
LLM Adjunct Faculty Member

"The Master of Laws in Elder Law and Estate Planning is a tremendous benefit to practitioners seeking to expand their knowledge, obtain specialization, and grow their practice. The program and its curriculum present exciting opportunities for many practitioners to pursue a post-graduate professional degree to prepare for specialization in this field. The live, online delivery opens the program to students across the country interested in pursuing these growing practice areas. The benefits are significant to both the graduates of the program and the clients who will be better served by their attorneys."

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Many of our graduates also archive the recordings as a part of their own personal legal education reference library.

Prominent alumni of the program include Rebecca Houchin, Program Manager for WealthCounsel's WealthDocx and GunDocx.

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Elder Law

Your Elder Law coursework will help you to develop expertise in social security law, Medicare, Medicaid, and other laws, which directly affect elders and families, including the disabled and those with special needs.

Estate Planning

The program provides extensive knowledge and training in a number of diverse areas of the law, such as wills and trusts, estate and fiduciary administration, income taxation of trusts and estates, federal wealth transfer taxation, and wealth planning with insurance products.

Develop Your Own Drafting Templates

The program teaches the practical aspects of drafting estate plans, administering the settlement of estates, and representing elderly clients. As a final project, every student designs and drafts a comprehensive plan for two complex planning scenarios. The in-depth knowledge gained from this experience will help you distinguish your practice and help you to inform and educate your clients on a very personal level.

Required Courses (14 credits), offered every semester:

Elder Law; Federal Wealth Transfer Taxation; Income Taxation of Trusts & Estates; Wills and Trusts: Design, Drafting, and Implementation; Fiduciary Administration; Final Planning & Drafting Project (double credit).

Electives Courses

Advanced Issues in Elder Law; Advanced Issues in Wealth Transfer Taxes: Chapter 14; Business Succession Planning; Elder Law Simulations; Estate Planning for Retirement Benefits; Generation-Skipping Transfer Tax; The Grantor Trust Rules; Income Taxation of Corporations; Income Taxation for Estate Planners; Income Taxation of Pass-Through Entities; International Estate Planning; Medicaid; Planning for Charitable Transfers; Planning for Married Couples; Special Needs Planning; Tax Procedure; and Wealth Planning with Life Insurance.

Digital Law Library Resources

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