

QUESTION 3 THE ANSWER TO THIS QUESTION SHOULD GO IN BLUEBOOK I

After a lucrative medical career as an anesthesiologist, Bradford died from natural causes in 2010. Bradford's wife, as well as his only child, David, predeceased him. David's twin daughters, Erin and Morgan, survived Bradford.

Upon Bradford's death the following will was found:

"I, Bradford, intend this document to be my final will and testament. I hereby provide for the following dispositions of property upon my death:

"(1) I leave my beloved 1965 Aston Martin DB5 sports car to my dear childhood friend, Greg.

"(2) I lc-cc \$200,000 t my alma mat r, Stato C ll go
(*I no longer leave anything to the college /s/Bradford, 12/8/2004*)

"(3) I leave one half of the remaining final value of my estate to my fellow members of the Caravaggio Club, who are equally as dedicated as I to the preservation of classical art, to be divided equally among them.

"(4) I leave the second half of the remaining final value of my estate to my son, David. "/s/
Bradford 1/1/1999

"Witness 1/s/Caleb 1/1/1999

Witness 2/s/Michael 1/1/1999"

David's death in 2009 occurred as the result of a car crash while borrowing his father's Aston Martin. The crash wrecked the car completely. Bradford's insurance company paid \$195,000 to Bradford pursuant to his casualty policy. He did not replace the car.

After the death of Bradford in 2010, the following information is properly entered into evidence at probate:

Bradford's estate is worth \$2.0 million.

The Aston Martin, specifically bequeathed to Greg, originally sold for \$10,000 in 1965, was worth \$100,000 at the time the will was made, and had a fair market value at the time of Bradford's death of \$200,000. The later-written note on item #2 on the will has been authenticated as Bradford's handwriting and signature. At the time the will was signed, the Caravaggio Club had three members (none of whom were related to Bradford). However, upon Bradford's death, only one elderly member, Courtney, remained alive, although the other members left descendants.

Both of David's daughters, Erin and Morgan, are currently alive (several months after Bradford's death).

Assuming that Bradford's will is valid and applying Michigan law, account specifically for the four bequests that Bradford made in the will and determine how the estate should be distributed. Explain your answer.

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