



How to Avoid Family Conflict After Death

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It is a sad but true reality that money changes people, particularly after the death of a loved one. Even when a living trust is in place, and is clearly written, there might still be room for people to bicker and become disgruntled. Below is a list of events that can cause families to fight over the trust estate after one or both parents pass away, and a list of possible ways to avoid these problems:



1. Disinheritance – if any of your natural heirs are disinherited, they might claim that the trust is invalid or was drawn up by force or coercion. The solution to this would be to clearly indicate why a person is disinherited, and if capacity is a question, obtain a doctor’s note stating that the trustor has the capacity to make legal decisions (such as the decision to update or amend the trust).
2. Sibling rivalry – sometimes, one sibling will try to settle old scores by arguing over the deceased parent’s assets. The solution to this varies from family to family, but including a strong “no contest clause” in the trust document will ensure that if any person challenges the trust, they will risk forfeiting their share.
3. Advancements or Gifts – sometimes when one child receives an advance during the parent’s lifetime (i.e. down payment for a home), it opens the door to conflicts and claims by the other child or children who did not receive an equal amount. The solution to this is to be clear in the trust document whether those advanced amounts are to be reduced from the child’s share.

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Every family is different, and hopefully yours is one that will administer your trust harmoniously without issues. But if you feel that any one of the above might be applicable in your scenario, it’s important to review your trust and strongly and carefully word the trust document to make your intentions and instructions as clear as possible.



Pinecone Birdfeeder DIY

<http://fabartdiy.org/diy-flower-clay-pot-horse-gardening-planters-tutorial/>

Clay Horse flower pot checklist:

- 16 legs -4.25 inch pots
- Body 2 -10 inch pots
- Neck 6 inch pot
- Head 2 -8 inch pots
- 1/4 inch 3 foot all thread pole
- Gorilla glue
- Washers and nuts
- Spray paint any color you want
- Paracord and key chains for halter
- Thick yarn for main and tail or you can use a mop
- Soak the pots for a few hours before drilling any holes in the pots.

Click the link here for the step by step tutorial: [How to Make Horses From Clay Pots](#)



Tiffany from teediddlydee shares with us the detailed step by step tutorial on how all the tools used, how to drill, connect the pots and add the mane, and plant your flowers to make your cutest clay horse alive! Be sure to head over with the link below for the tutorial. This is lots of fun to add a special touch to any yard or garden and a great way to give a really neat gift to mom or dad who loves to cook and needs to have their herb garden a little higher off the ground.

TERMINATING THE B TRUST

Many of our clients have been forced into setting up a Bypass Trust, or B Trust, after the death of the first spouse. This was required under earlier tax rules, where the estate tax limit was only \$600,000 per person, and a sophisticated A-B style trust was required in order to double that exemption. Thankfully, with the exemption now being over \$11 million per person, AB trusts are no longer needed. And if you have an AB trust that has already been divided into multiple trusts after the death of the first spouse, you may be able to collapse and terminate the B trust (with a court order).

We have successfully terminated many B trusts by petitioning the court for permission to terminate the trust, arguing that there has been a change in circumstance (the higher estate tax limits) that was not foreseen at the time the trust was created. The termination of the B trust, for many clients, results in a savings of thousands of dollars in potential capital gains taxes (since assets in the B trust do not receive a step up in basis when the second spouse passes away). If you have an AB trust, or a B trust that you have already funded, please contact our office at (714) 282-7488 discuss whether termination of that trust is a viable option for you.

Corn Fritters

For full instructions:

<https://cooktoria.com/corn-fritters/#wprm-recipe-container-9145>

Ingredients

- 1/2 cup all-purpose flour
- 1 egg
- 1/4 cup water
- 1 tsp. baking powder
- 1 tbsp. olive oil
- 1 cup corn kernels fresh or canned
- 1 medium bell pepper seeded and diced
- 1/4 cup chopped parsley
- 1/4 cup chopped chives
- 1/2 tsp. salt or to taste
- 1/2 tsp. pepper or to taste
- olive oil for frying about 3-4 tablespoons



DIRECTIONS

1. Prepare the batter by whisking together the flour, baking powder, egg, and water in a medium bowl. When the batter is smooth, add the olive oil, salt, and pepper and mix well.
2. To the batter, add the corn, bell pepper, parsley, and chives. Mix it well and set aside.
3. Heat up a large, non-stick skillet over medium heat. Pour about 3-4 tablespoons of olive oil onto it. Once the oil is hot, add one heaping tablespoon at a time of the corn mixture, and flatten out the tops slightly to make the fritters even. Cook for 3-4 minutes per side, or until golden brown. If they brown too quickly, reduce the heat.

Free Estate Planning Seminars



We regularly conduct a free estate planning seminar designed to teach about the benefits of creating an estate plan. The seminars are held on-site at our Anaheim office inside of our "classroom" and led by our very own James F. Roberts. We offer light snacks and refreshments to the attendees and the group is often small and intimate, which allows for questions to be asked comfortably and for a very relaxed environment.

Please encourage your loved ones to attend the seminar so that they may learn more about the estate planning process and benefits. We look forward to seeing you and your family, friends, colleagues and neighbors! Please share this event!

Please contact our office at 714-282-7488 for information about the next seminar!



We hope that you have had the very best experience with our firm! And we hope that you would consider referring a friend that we may be able to help the same way we helped you! Getting a referral from a customer gives us a lot of pride! It shows us that we did a good job and our clients appreciate us!

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