



Helping Elderly Parents

- Monthly Expense sheet
- Document Organizer handout
- List of Passwords and Institutions.

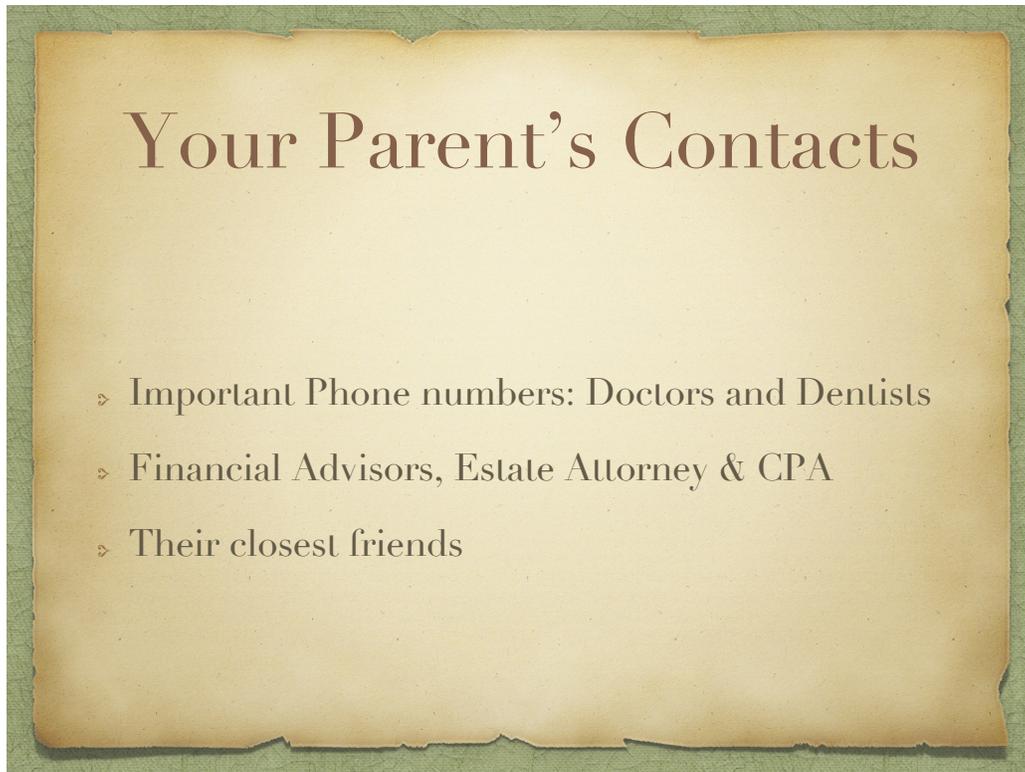


Planning to assist elderly parents is no small task. You will need to know their monthly expenses that may include the names and numbers of their doctors and pharmacy information to include copies of their insurance cards. To manage their affairs, you will also need to have access to their passwords.

Your Parent's Budget

- What are their income sources?
- What are their expenses?
- Don't forget expenses that don't happen every month, like the neighborhood association or annual dues or insurance paid other than monthly.

Just as you hopefully have a written budget for your family, you will need to have one for your parents, detailing their monthly, quarterly and annual expenses.



Once it is time to step in and help, make an appointment with professionals where they have relationships, to apprise them of the situation and ask for advice.

Financial Institutions

- Obtain legal advice from an attorney, Board Certified in **Probate and Estate Planning**.
- Ask how accounts should be registered?
- Who will watch to ensure a family member or friend doesn't steal from an account?

It is significant to note that the primary source of elderly theft is often a relative or close friend because they have access.

Passwords and Accounts

- Do you have access if they want you to?
- Where is the list of passwords?
- Is there someone they do not want to have access?

Is there someone they do not want to have access to their accounts? On the other hand, who is trustworthy in the family and manages their own affairs well?



The window of time to change Medicare or drug plans is in the fall, normally between October 15 and December 7.

How can someone designate another person to act as their legal agent?



- ◆ Power of Attorney, broad or limited
- ◆ Medical Power of Attorney for healthcare
- ◆ Medical Directive to Physician, or living will for quality of life and free from pain.
- ◆ DNR - “do not resuscitate”

Do you know where these documents are located?

Do your parents need to have these created?

What about your own documents?



What is the difference between a last will and testament and a trust?

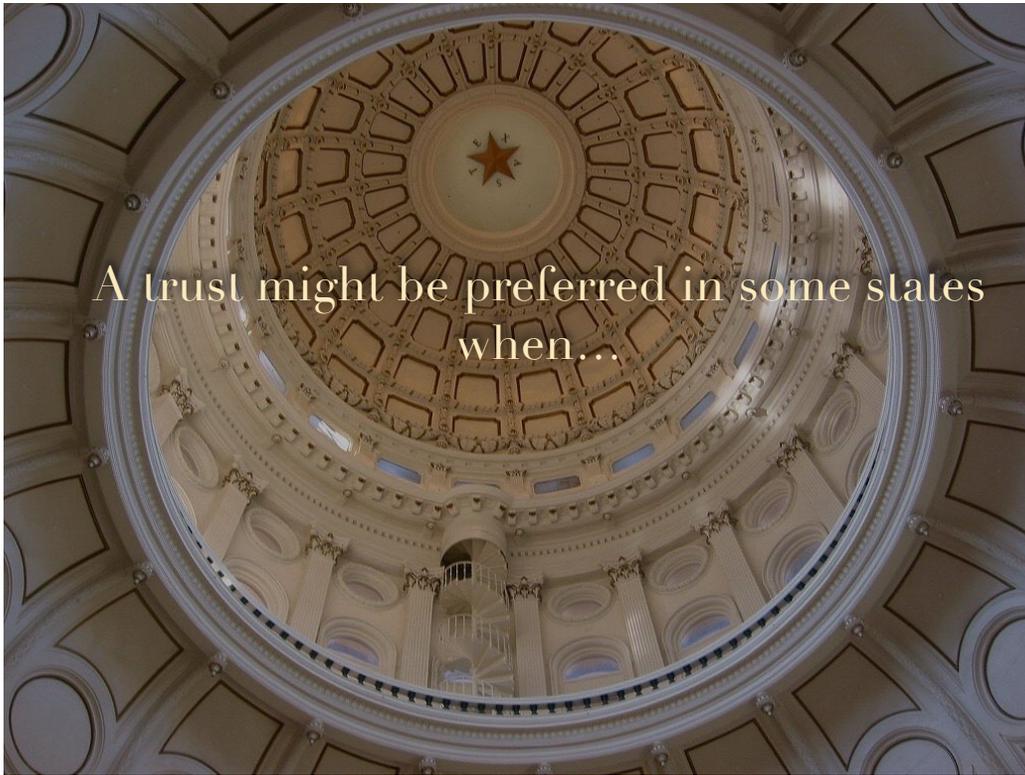


When you die, you will fall into one of three categories: No Will, having a will or having both a will and a trust.

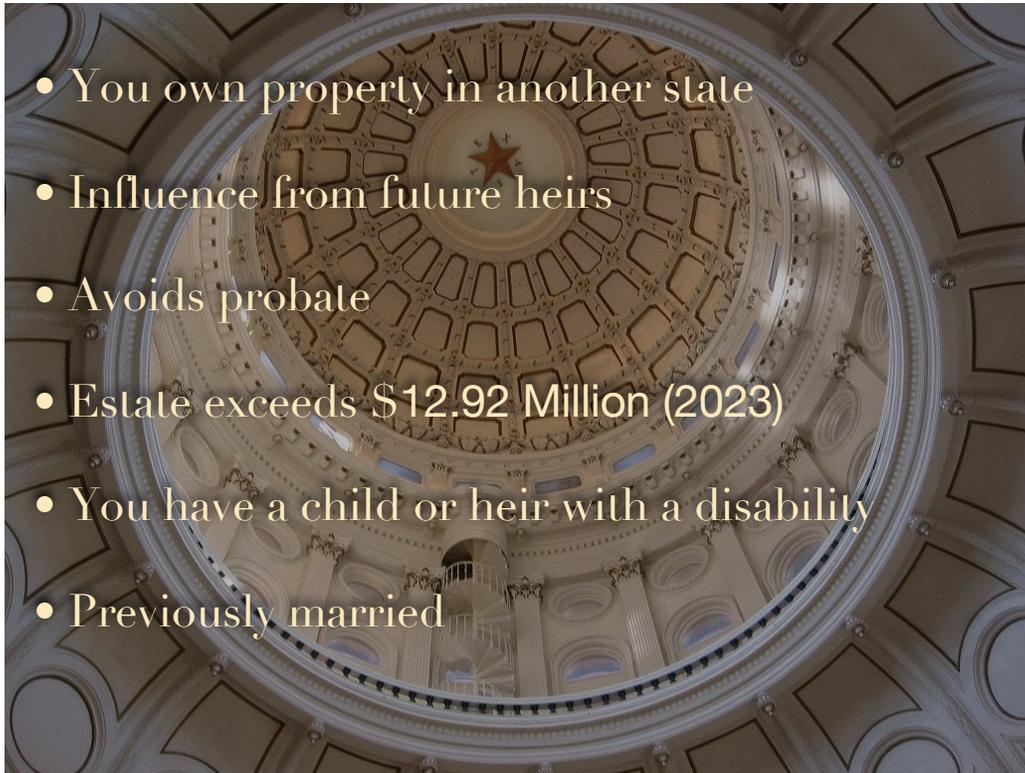
Components of a Trust

- The one who creates it
- What is held in a trust?
- Who manages it?
- The purpose: for the beneficiary

What are the basic components of a trust?



Do you need a trust? It depends...



It may depend on having property outside your home state or you have a sizable estate. There are other situations as well.

Trust Ownership

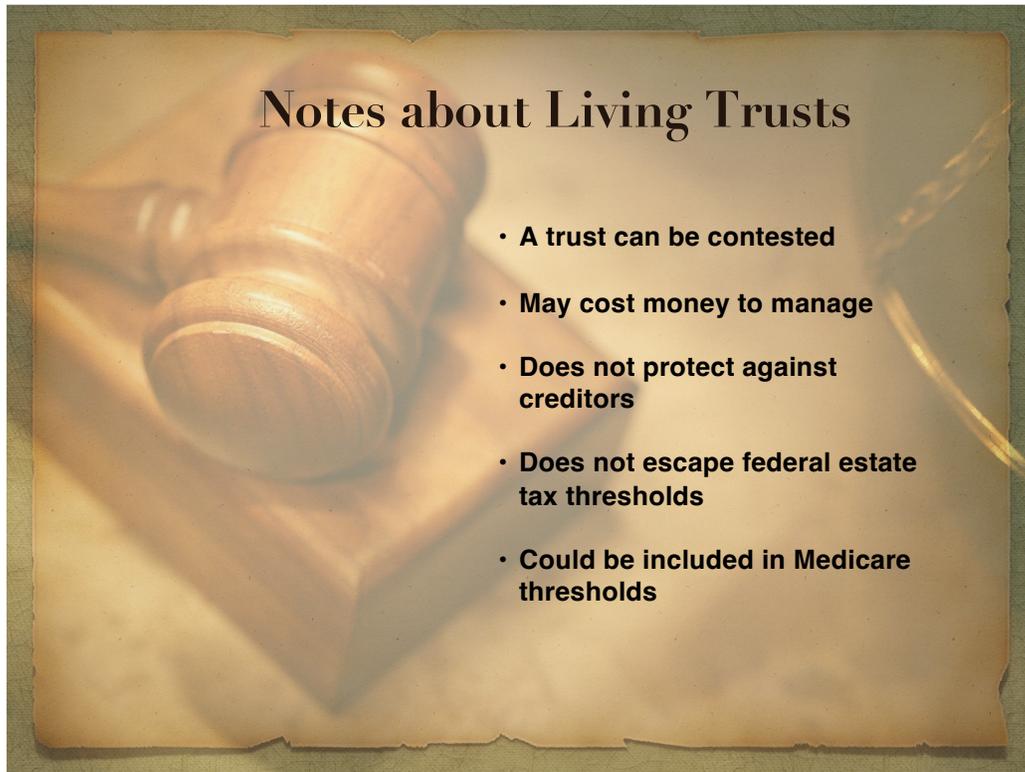
The title to property must be transferred into a trust for it to take effect.

Trusts and Creditors

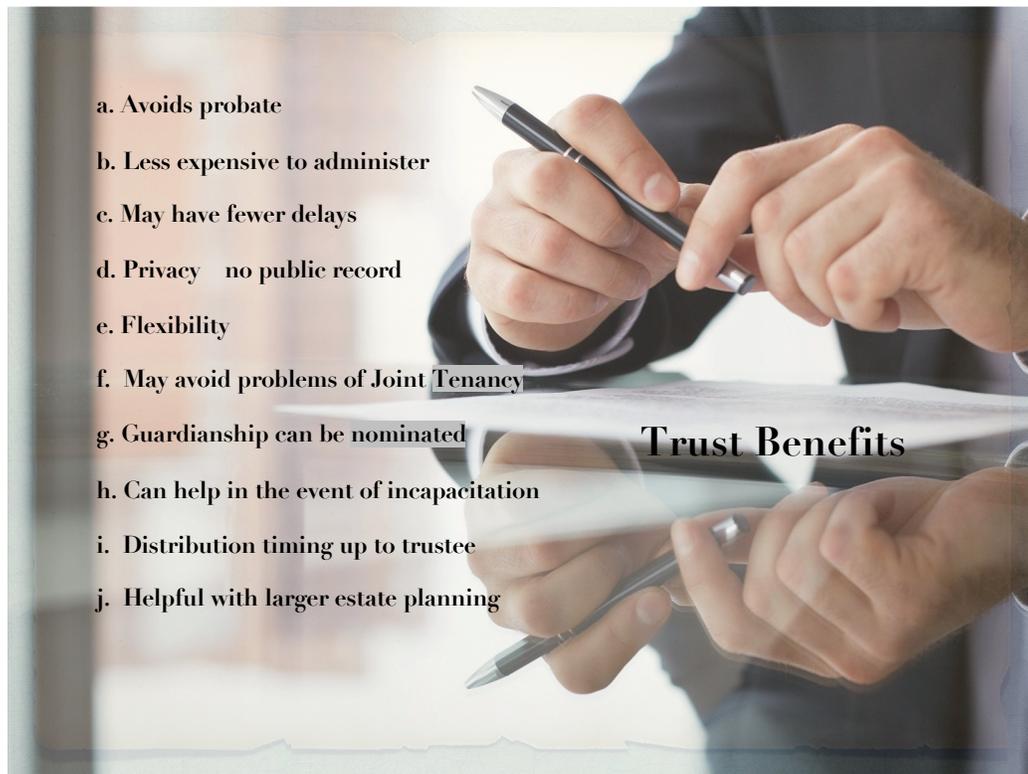
Creditors can win lawsuits against you and your trust. It is considered part of your estate when you die.



A trust does not protect your estate from creditors. Please consult a board-certified probate and estate attorney for more information.



Although a trustee, the manager of the trust, generally has the power to distribute assets, trusts may still be tapped for other things.

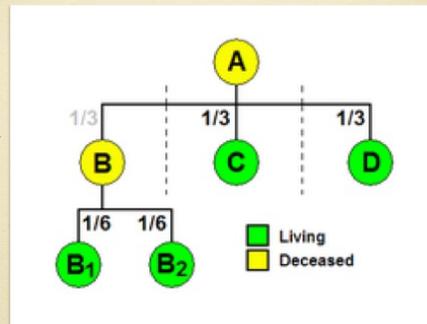


Joint Tenancy is the holding of an estate or property jointly by two or more parties, the share of each passing to the other or others on death. So when one person passes, the other automatically gets the property held this way. But there is also the potential for assets to be frozen, and **loss of control over the distribution of assets after death.**



Is having a trust without a will sufficient?
You also need a will.

“Per Stirpes” Distribution



Think of this as a flow chart, instructing who gets what based on family relations.



This may depend on your home state, but where this presentation was written, it is a good idea to let your friend or relative know to come get Fido and give him the forever home he deserves when you pass away.

Federal Estate Taxes

Thresholds in 2023

\$12.92 million per single
\$25.84 million per couple
40% taxes above thresholds

(Some states also have Estate Taxes)



If you have this problem, please, please see an estate planning attorney, a financial advisor and a CPA to jointly work out a plan together.

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Providing for your family
The income value of a Nest Egg
Life Insurance

Questions?

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