Investing for Trusts: Complexities of Current & Remainder Beneficiaries

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How to Effectively Manage and Administer Irrevocable Trusts as a Trustee?



- Conduct a thorough client discovery of all situations, facts, and circumstances
- Study the trust document in detail to avoid surprises
- Develop a clear understanding of the stakeholders and their needs

Embrace Fiduciary Responsibility – To whom do you owe the loyalty?

- Respect and execute on the Grantor's vision
- Determine specific requirements of Current Income Beneficiaries
- Weigh actions in consideration of Remainder Beneficiaries



Important Aspects of the Investment Policy Statement

 Intended as a vehicle to establish and document clear expectations of all parties regarding the investment objectives, philosophies, and risk tolerances



- Provides investment guidance for addressing the risk/reward tradeoff and determination of a suitable asset allocation to strive to achieve the financial goals of all parties
- Structured in accordance with the tenets of the Uniform Prudent Investor
 Act, to hold the trustee accountable, transparent, and prudent in its
 stewardship of the trust

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 Provide education and instruction of the Current Income Beneficiaries and Remainder Beneficiaries should they need ongoing clarification



- Stay abreast of changing circumstances/needs
- Look to other possible source of income should the Current Income Beneficiaries needs start to jeopardize the value of the assets for the Remainder Beneficiaries
- Discuss seeking a possible modification to the trust should the provisions and/or restrictions in the trust prove to be too onerous, unrealistic, or untenable

Conclusion

- Summary
- Examples
- Questions

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