

TRANSFER TITLE

- REAL ESTATE:** A deed must be prepared, executed in the presence of a notary, and recorded in the county in which the property is situated.

- REAL ESTATE:** Ensure that your Living Trust, as the new owner, is added to your title insurance and homeowner's policy by **CONTACTING BOTH YOUR TITLE INSURANCE COMPANY AND HOMEOWNER'S INSURANCE COMPANY**. Any mortgage you may have will not become immediately due by placing your property into your Living Trust.

- CHECKING & SAVINGS ACCOUNTS, CDS:** Take your **CERTIFICATE OF TRUST** (the document under the third tab) to the institution, advise them that you have executed a living trust, and request that the name on all of your accounts be changed to the name of your trust. The institution may or may not change the account number, but you will be asked to sign new signature cards, where applicable.
If the bank account is out-of-state, send a cover letter similar to the one we have provided for you and a copy of your **CERTIFICATE OF TRUST**. The bank may send new signature cards to you for signing. Simply comply with its request and return the cards.

- VEHICLES:** Take your **CERTIFICATE OF TRUST** (the document under the third tab) and current **Title** to the **DMV** to transfer your automobile, boat, trailer, etc. into the name of the trust. The vehicle **MUST BE PAID** in full to transfer the vehicle to the trust. If you are still paying for your vehicle, you must wait until it has been fully paid to transfer the vehicle to the trust.

- STOCKS, BONDS & INVESTMENTS:** Stocks held by you in your own name must be transferred by sending the **CERTIFICATE OF TRUST** to the transfer agent, along with a letter of request and a **STOCK POWER**, signed by you exactly as your name appears in the certificate and with your **SIGNATURE GUARANTEED** (not notarized) by a national banking association member or a member of the New York Stock Exchange. If you have a broker, your broker can assist you with these transfers. Investment accounts require a letter addressed to the administrator requesting the transfer, after which you will be sent the appropriate documentation to complete as instructed.

REVIEW BENEFICIARIES

LIFE INSURANCE, RETIREMENT ACCOUNTS & ANNUITIES

IMPORTANT: Do not change the owner of your life insurance, retirement accounts or annuities to your trust. Contact your insurance company or account manager and **REQUEST A CHANGE OF BENEFICIARY FORM** for each policy or account. Generally, the order of beneficiaries on your life insurance, retirement accounts and annuities reflect a **spouse as the PRIMARY BENEFICIARY** (so that a spouse has the advantage of "rolling over" these funds into his or her own retirement account without incurring an adverse tax liability).

Name another beneficiary or your living trust as the CONTINGENT BENEFICIARY. Naming real breathing people on retirement accounts protects beneficiaries from unnecessary taxation which your trust as a beneficiary can cause. Check with your financial advisor about the availability of **STRETCH provisions** for your retirement accounts.

TRUSTOR 1

TRUSTOR 2

DOCUMENTS IN YOUR ESTATE PLANNING PORTFOLIO TO COMPLETE

ASSET CHECKLIST AND DEBT / LIABILITY CHECKLIST

Front of trust

Bank Accounts: List bank locations, account numbers

Real Estate: List property addresses. Timeshares can be listed under real estate. Indicate if property is owned by LLC or other entity

Retirement Accounts: List institutions, account numbers and phone numbers

Automobiles: List autos, boats and mobile homes

Life Insurance: List insurer, face amount and phone number

Businesses: List name, valuable assets and basic instructions

Cross out sold assets and closed accounts including date of payoff.

All debts must be settled by your successor trustees before distributing assets to your beneficiaries. List institution names, account numbers and phone numbers. Cross out old debts and include date of payoff.

PERSONAL PROPERTY TO DISTRIBUTE

Last page of Living Trust

For personal items without title such as jewelry, artwork and furniture you may use this page to bequeath personal items to individuals. When you make your first entry, date and sign the bottom. You may then add to the list whenever you choose. You may remove an item by striking, initialing and dating.

The first items listed should be those you wish to distribute. It is recommended you then contact family and ask them “which items have special meaning” to that person.

You attach photographs to your trust to help identify objects.

Burial Instructions

Final page of Last Will

Leave clear instructions to your relatives to eliminate potential disagreements. You may list organ donation and other instructions.

MAKE COPIES

POWER OF ATTORNEY

5th section - Give copies to those you have named Power of Attorney.

LIVING WILL

6th section - Give copies to your primary physician and Powers of Attorney.

Optional: Register your living will with the state of Arizona.

Visit: http://www.azsos.gov/adv_dir/Register.htm or call (602) 542-6187

