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Subject: Heritage policy

Eliot,

I have pasted your analysis re the Heritage policy below. The email did not get to me, not sure why.

The problem with your analysis is that it is not factually correct and therefore, you are drawing conclusions that are incorrect.

Dad's desires concerning the policy are crystal clear. There has never been a question concerning his desire. He named his irrevocable trust as beneficiary of the policy and he never changed that. He was the owner. He could have changed it as often as he wanted. He never did, not ever.

In 1995, Dad did not have 10 grandchildren. Therefore, it was never his intent, concerning this policy, to leave it to all of his grandchildren.

He chose Robert Spallina and Don Tescher to be his estate and tax attorneys as well as his personal representatives. Robert Spallina has told us on several occasions what Dad's wishes were for this policy. Dad was well aware of this policy. He was intimately aware of who owned it and who he named as beneficiary. When he was considering a life settlement, all of this information was part of those discussions.

As Robert has stated, Heritage's policy when it comes to a lost irrevocable trust, is to not pay the proceeds to the estate. What you are saying here is not correct: *"Last, because the 1995 trust document cannot be located, the proceeds should go to the beneficiaries under {Article IV 2j} and [Article III] of Dad's will, which picks up insurance proceeds under failed beneficiary designations. Under Dad's will and trust, these amounts, like the rest of his estate goes to his grandchildren in equal parts"*

You are drawing conclusions for Heritage when you say, "nothing short of the actual 1995 trust document may be sufficient to Heritage." Why don't we let Heritage speak for Heritage, which I believe has already been done?

There is no fraudulent conveyance. These proceeds are not part of Dad's estate, they never were and Heritage has stated they do not intend to pay these proceeds to the estate of a person who clearly did not want them in his estate.

In late July of 2012, Dad executed his planning documents. He could have easily changed the beneficiary of the Heritage policy to be included in his estate. He was the owner, he could have done that with one change form. He did not. If he did not want to be bothered to do it himself, he could have asked Robert, his PR, to do it. People do this every day. Dad did not. Therefore, the proceeds remaining OUT of his estate, NOT payable to his grandchildren (who received everything else), is consistent with Dad's wishes. This policy is not in the domain of his will and trust agreement. To bring proceeds of a life insurance policy into the estate of a man who sold life insurance his entire career would go against everything Dad told every client he ever sold life insurance to during his career. It is unimaginable.

Therefore, the economic analysis is not correct. It simply is not necessary to address as it was never an option in this scenario.

This needs to be brought to resolution. Not only is it simple, it is black and white. Is your counsel involved in this matter for you? If so, has she spoken with Robert and communicated what you have said?

We are going to do what is necessary to have the proceeds paid where they were intended to be paid, as quickly as possible now. If you think I am factually incorrect about any of this, please either call me or email me and explain where I may be wrong. It goes without saying, this is not my expertise. I am processing the same information that everyone else is working with and this is how I see it.

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