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From: Ted Bernstein <tbernstein@lifeinsuranceconcepts.com>
Sent: Thursday, December 6, 2012 9:59 AM
To: Lisa Friedstein (lisa.friedstein@gmail.com); 'Jill lantoni'; Eliot Bernstein (iviewit@gmail.com); Eliot Bernstein (iviewit@iviewit.tv); Pamela Simon
Cc: Ted Bernstein
Subject: Life Insurance - agreement
Attachments: Simon Bernstein Irrv Trust-set ag1.pdf

Hello,

Good news; the Heritage Union Life Insurance company is ready to make payment on the policy that insured Dad. There was an exhaustive search for the original trust document from 1995, which is the beneficiary of the policy owned by Dad. Since we have not been able to locate it, the attached agreement will permit the insurance company to make payment to a Trust account that will then distribute the proceeds in equal parts to the 5 of us. Robert Spallina recommended that I distribute this document so it can be reviewed by each of you, signed and then it can be submitted to the carrier. Please sign the document where applicable. Then email to me the signature page and Fedex the original to Robert Spallina's office. Once we have all signatures, the carrier should release proceeds quickly.

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Call me with any questions.

Ted

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SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT AND MUTUAL RELEASE

This Settlement Agreement and Mutual Release is made and entered into this _____ day of _____, 2012, at Chicago, Illinois by and between each of the following defined entities and individuals.

PARTIES DEFINED

"TED", as defined herein, refers to and means Ted S. Bernstein an individual residing in Boca Raton, Florida, his heirs, successors and/or assigns.

"PAM", as defined herein, refers to and means Pamela B. Simon an individual residing in Chicago, Illinois, her heirs, successors and/or assigns.

"ELIOT" as defined herein, refers to and means Eliot I. Bernstein, an individual residing in Boca Raton, Florida, his heirs, successors and/or assigns.

"JILL" as defined herein, refers to and means Jill M. Iantoni, an individual residing in Highland Park, Illinois, her heirs, successors and/or assigns.

"LISA" as defined herein, refers to and means Lisa S. Friedstein residing in Highland Park, Illinois, an individual, her heirs, successors and/or assigns.

"ALLY" as defined herein, refers to and means Alexandra L. Bernstein residing in White Plains, New York, an individual, her heirs, successors and/or assigns.

"ERIC" as defined herein, refers to and means Eric D. Bernstein residing in Boca Raton, Florida, an individual, his heirs, successors and/or assigns.

"MICHAEL" as defined herein, refers to and means Michael A. Bernstein residing in Boca Raton, Florida, an individual, his heirs, successors and/or assigns.

“MOLLY” as defined herein, refers to and means Molly N. Simon residing in Chicago Illinois, an individual, her heirs, successors and/or assigns.

“THE ELIOT CHILDREN” as defined herein, refers to and means Joshua, Jacob and Daniel Bernstein residing in Boca Raton, Florida, all individual(s), their heirs, successors and/or assigns.

“THE JILL CHILD” as defined herein, refers to and means Julia Iantoni residing in Highland Park, Illinois, an individual, her heirs, successors and/or assigns.

“THE LISA CHILDREN” as defined herein, refers to and means Max and Carley Friedstein residing in Highland Park, Illinois, an individual(s), both heirs, successors and/or assigns.

DEFINITIONS

"Agreement", as defined herein, refers to and means, this Settlement Agreement and Mutual Release.

“Party” or “Parties”, shall refer to and mean an individual defined above whom shall sign on and be bound by this Settlement Agreement, and Parties shall refer to the individuals collectively.

“Trust”, as defined herein refers to and means the Simon L. Bernstein Irrevocable Insurance Trust dtd 6/21/95.

RECITAL'S

WHEREAS, the Parties are all of the children and grandchildren of the marriage of Simon L. Bernstein and Shirley Bernstein;

WHEREAS, Simon L. Bernstein established the Trust in 1995 for the benefit of his wife,

Shirley Bernstein, and their children, the Parties;

WHEREAS, Shirley Bernstein predeceased Simon L. Bernstein, and Simon L. Bernstein passed away on September 13, 2012;

WHEREAS, after a diligent search by the Parties, an executed copy of the Trust can not be found;

WHEREAS, the Trust is the beneficiary of life insurance policy number 1009208 issued by Heritage Union Life Insurance Company (the “Insurer”) on the life of Simon L. Bernstein (the “Policy”);

WHEREAS, the Parties desire to achieve the intent of Simon L. Bernstein on or about the date of the Trust and resolve any and all disputes and controversies that have arisen or may arise regarding the distribution of the death benefit proceeds of the Policy.

WITNESSETH

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the following covenants, promises and obligations, as well as other good and valuable consideration, the sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged; it is agreed by and between the Parties as follows:

COVENANTS

1. TED is appointed and hereby accepts the appointment to act as Trustee of the Trust.
2. That TED, as Trustee, shall open a bank account in the name of the Trust (the “Trust Account”).
3. That TED, as Trustee shall deposit or direct the Insurer to deposit the death benefit proceeds of the Policy into the Trust Account.
4. That TED, as Trustee, shall pay expenses of the Trust including the cost of filing a tax return from the proceeds in the Trust Account.
5. That TED, as Trustee, shall distribute all remaining proceeds in the Trust Account equally (in 20% shares) to each of TED, PAM, ELIOT, JILL and LISA.

6. That TED, as Trustee, upon completing the distribution in ¶5 above and the filing of the tax return contemplated in ¶4 above shall close the Trust Account.
7. Upon receipt of the Settlement Agreement executed by all Parties and upon fulfillment of all of the covenants and obligations contained in ¶1 through ¶6 above, TED, PAM, ELIOT, JILL, AND LISA, ALLY, ERIC, MICHAEL, MOLLY, THE ELIOT CHILDREN, THE JILL CHILD AND THE LISA CHILDREN and each of them in their own individual capacity, shall respectively acquit, release, and forever discharge TED, both individually and as Trustee, and each and every other Party from any and all claims, demands, liabilities, obligations, causes and causes of action of whatever kind or nature, known or unknown, suspected or unsuspected by each of them, which each of them now owns or holds or at any time heretofore owned or held as against each other arising out of any matter related to or associated with the Policy and/or the Trust, and without limiting the generality of the foregoing, all claims, demands, liabilities, obligations, causes and causes of action arising out of or in any way connected with: a) the receipt of the death benefit proceeds of the Policy by the Trust; b) arising out of or in any way connected to the operation and management of the Trust, or the actual terms of the Trust in the event it should be located subsequent to the date of this Agreement regardless as to whether all of the covenants and obligations of this Agreement have been executed to completion.
8. All demands and notices given hereunder shall be sent by mail addressed to the respective Parties with a copy to David B. Simon, The Simon Law Firm, 303 E. Wacker Dr., Suite 210, Chicago, IL 60601-5210.
9. The Parties hereby represent to one another that they have full power and authority to enter into this Settlement Agreement and carry out their obligations hereunder. All Parties further represent that this Settlement Agreement has been duly executed and delivered.
10. This Settlement Agreement embodies the entire understanding of the Parties. All prior correspondence, conversations, memoranda and agreements have been merged into and replaced by this Settlement Agreement.
11. If a Party breaches this Settlement Agreement, the breaching Party shall reimburse the non-breaching Parties for all reasonable costs, attorney's fees, and expenses incurred by them in enforcing the terms and provisions of the Settlement Agreement.
12. This Settlement Agreement shall (i) be governed and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Illinois and all claims or controversies arising out of this Settlement Agreement shall be brought within the exclusive jurisdiction of the State of Illinois; (ii) inure to the benefit of and be binding upon the Parties themselves, as well as their respective heirs, executors, predecessors, successors and assigns.
13. All Parties have been represented by counsel, or have had the opportunity to seek the advice of counsel, and if they have sought counsel then such counsel has reviewed this Settlement Agreement and recommended that their respective clients enter into it.
14. This Settlement Agreement may be executed in one or more counterparts, all of which, when taken together, shall constitute an original. Facsimile signatures of the Parties shall as valid and binding as original signatures.

15. Should any provision contained in this Agreement be deemed illegal or unenforceable as a matter of law, the remainder of this Agreement shall remain binding and continue in full force and effect.
16. The signatories state that they have read and understand this Settlement Agreement and that they intend to be legally bound by the same.

Agreed and accepted this date and year first written above.

TED S. BERNSTEIN

Witness: _____
Address: _____

PAMELA B. SIMON

Witness: _____
Address: _____

LISA S. FRIEDSTEIN

Witness: _____
Address: _____

ERIC BERNSTEIN

Witness: _____
Address: _____

MOLLY N. SIMON

Witness: _____
Address: _____

THE JILL CHILD

Jill Iantoni, Parent

Guy Iantoni, Parent

Address: _____

ELIOT I. BERNSTEIN

Witness: _____
Address: _____

JILL M. IANTONI

Witness: _____
Address: _____

ALEXANDRA L. BERNSTEIN

Witness: _____
Address: _____

MICHAEL BERNSTEIN

Witness: _____
Address: _____

THE ELIOT CHILDREN

Eliot I. Bernstein, Parent

Candace Bernstein, Parent

Address: _____

THE LISA CHILDREN

Lisa Frenstein, Parent

Jeffrey Friedstein, Parent

Address: _____

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**Reassure America Life
Insurance Company****J. L. McDonald, ALHC, LTCP
Vice President****12750 Merit Drive
Suite 500
Dallas, TX 75251****Telephone (972) 776-8535
Fax (260) 435-8773****January 8, 2013****Mr. Robert Spallina
Attorney at Law
Teschler & Spallina, P.A.
Boca Village Corporate Center I
4855 Technology Way, Suite 720
Boca Raton, FL 33431****Re: Simon Bernstein, Dec's
Policy # 1009208****Dear Mr. Spallina:**

This will acknowledge your letters the most recent of which is dated December 21, 2012.

In as much as the above policy provides a large death benefit in excess of \$1.6 million dollars and the fact that the trust document cannot be located, we respectfully request a court order to enable us to process the claim.

Please let us know how we may assist you in this process.

Sincerely,

**Jim McDonald, ALHC, LTCP
Vice President
Claims Oversight**

FAX

To: Robert Spallina
Company:
Fax: 915619977308

From: Kellie Walker
Phone:

NOTES:

Insured Simon Bernstein #1009208

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Date and time of transmission: Tuesday, January 15, 2013 11:49:30 AM

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Eliot Bernstein

From: Ted Bernstein <tbernstein@lifeinsuranceconcepts.com>
Sent: Friday, January 18, 2013 6:04 PM
To: 'Jill Iantoni'; Lisa Friedstein (lisa.friedstein@gmail.com); Eliot Bernstein (iviewit@gmail.com); 'Pam Simon'
Subject: UPDATE > HERITAGE INSURANCE POLICY

Hello > I hope everyone is well.

Heritage Life Insurance company has made a decision concerning dad's life insurance policy. They will require a court order to pay the proceeds, based on the large face amount of the policy (\$1.7MM). They have sent a letter to Robert Spallina. The letter was sent by a senior attorney within the company. It is short and to the point.

From here, this should be simple and straightforward. Assuming that we (5 children) agree to create an agreement, we will need to hire a Palm Beach attorney to draft the agreement that will be submitted to the judge. It is my understanding that the agreement can be drafted to reflect our agreement to split the proceeds among the 5 of us or in such a way that would enable one or more of us to effectively refuse our individual share in favor of our children. I am not sure, but I believe that disclaiming our share in favor of our children will put that share at risk of creditors of dad's estate. Seems to me that we should do whatever we can to keep the proceeds out of the reach of potential creditors.

As the successor trustee of the trust that cannot be found, I will be happy to act as trustee of a trust that would receive the proceeds under the new agreement, created by us. Once the court order is issued, the insurance company should pay quickly and I will distribute the proceeds immediately.

Please let me know that you will agree to be a party to the agreement between us (and possibly the grandchildren who will need to acknowledge and agree to the language). If you could do that in the next day or so, we can then decide the most cost effective way to get the agreement created and submitted. It makes no sense at this point to leave the proceeds at the insurance company.

Call me with any questions or maybe we should establish a call between the 5 of us.

Take care...

Ted

Eliot Ivan Bernstein

From: Ted Bernstein <tbernstein@lifeinsuranceconcepts.com>
Sent: Tuesday, January 22, 2013 5:14 PM
To: 'Pam Simon'
Cc: Lisa Friedstein; Jill Iantoni; Christine Yates; Eliot Bernstein Ivan
Subject: RE: Heritage Policy

I believe we do, just waiting on Eliot and Christine for the time.

From: Pam Simon [<mailto:pambsimon@icloud.com>]
Sent: Tuesday, January 22, 2013 3:26 PM
To: Ted Bernstein
Cc: Lisa Friedstein; Jill Iantoni; Christine Yates; Eliot Bernstein Ivan
Subject: Re: Heritage Policy

hi all - do we have a thursday time and call in number ? trying to maneuver my calendar? thanks pam

On Jan 22, 2013, at 12:33 PM, Ted Bernstein <tbernstein@lifeinsuranceconcepts.com> wrote:

Robert,

We are in the midst of arranging a phone call between myself, Pam, Eliot, Christine Yates, Jill and Lisa. We were hoping to have that call today but Christine cannot make it until Thursday. I think it is imperative for this call to occur prior to anything else being done, including your call with their legal department. This way, we can establish whether there is going to be an agreement among the 5 of us, or not.

I completely agree with your assessment below of the options available here.

Please feel free to call me to discuss.

Ted

From: Robert Spallina [<mailto:rspallina@tescherspallina.com>]
Sent: Tuesday, January 22, 2013 12:16 PM
To: Ted Bernstein; Lisa Friedstein; Pam Simon; Jill Iantoni; Christine Yates
Cc: Kimberly Moran
Subject: Heritage Policy

I received a letter from the company requesting a court order to make the distribution of the proceeds consistent with what we discussed. I have traded calls with their legal department to see if I can convince them otherwise. I am not optimistic given how long it has taken them to make a decision. Either way I would like to have a fifteen minute call to discuss this with all of you this week. There are really only two options: spend the money on getting a court order to have the proceeds distributed among the five of you (not guaranteed but most likely probable), or have the proceeds distributed to the estate and have the money added to the grandchildren's shares. As none of us can be sure exactly what the 1995 trust said (although an educated guess would point to children in light of the document prepared by Al Gortz in 2000), I think it is important that we discuss further prior to spending more money to pursue this option. Hopefully I will have spoken with their legal department by Thursday. I would propose a 10:30 call on Thursday EST. Please advise if this works for all of you.

Robert L. Spallina, Esq.

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From: Ted Bernstein [mailto:tbernstein@lifeinsuranceconcepts.com]
Sent: Sunday, January 27, 2013 7:26 PM
To: 'Pam Simon'
Cc: Jill Iantoni; lisa friedstein; Eliot Ivan Bernstein
Subject: RE: DO NOT FORWARD THIS > UPDATE > HERITAGE INSURANCE

Keep in mind that this is the policy that lapsed for more than 6 months and was miraculously re-instated a few months before Dad died. It is in our best interest to get this claim paid as soon as possible.

With that being said, I am going to suggest that we get the agreement we were going to use to the point where it is ready to present to the court. We already have an agreement in existence that simply needs to be tailored to our circumstances. Robert Spallina can clean it up to reflect what we said on Thursday and then it can be reviewed by each person and their legal counsel. The only way this does not make sense is if one or more of us are intending to not be part of an agreement stating that 5 children will be equal beneficiaries. Based on what I heard on Thursday, the only sensible option is to ensure these proceeds are not included in Dad's estate. With an agreement, each of us has the ability to do what is best for his or her family, without impacting anyone else.

This way, the work can begin that needs to be done while we are trying to schedule the call around the 6 of us.

Let me know if you see any reason to wait but tomorrow I will ask Robert Spallina to fit the agreement to our circumstances and begin to circulate it. If anyone is going to use a guardian for their minor child or children, it is probably a good idea to start that process too.

Ted

Eliot Ivan Bernstein

From: Eliot Ivan Bernstein <iviewit@iviewit.tv>
Sent: Tuesday, February 5, 2013 1:10 PM
To: Robert L. Spallina, Esq. ~ Attorney at Law @ Tescher & Spallina, P.A. (rspallina@tescherspallina.com); Ted Bernstein; Pamela Beth Simon (psimon@stpcorp.com); Lisa Friedstein; Jill M. lantoni (jilliantoni@gmail.com); Jill M. lantoni (lantoni_jill@ne.bah.com); Christine P. Yates ~ Director @ Tripp Scott (CTY@trippscott.com)
Subject: Eliot Heritage policy Analysis

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This is my analysis on the Heritage payout thus far. First, I would like to review the insurance policy as well as the official statements respecting investment returns, use of returns to pay premiums and loans taken from the policy. I understand Ted and Pam have the policy, and do not understand why Mr. Spallina thinks it is curious that I also want to review these materials. Second, I understand the expressed concerns that if the proceeds are paid to the estate then the proceeds would be subject to the claims of creditors of the estate. It is my understanding that the "plan" is to have the proceeds payable to a trust to avoid creditor claims; however, I have also been counseled that if a trust is utilized an estate creditor can challenge the trust transaction as a fraudulent conveyance used to avoid the creditor's claim.

We have been told that Dad designated his 1995 trust as his beneficiary with Heritage. We were also told that that trust cannot be located. I would also like to review an affidavit that indicates the precise steps that were taken and by whom and with whom to locate the 1995 trust, and I would imagine that Heritage will require the same. Heritage, we were told, is now saying that the proceeds may have to go to the State under the applicable escheat laws, so Mr. Spallina is telling us that if Heritage accepts a new trust with all potential beneficiaries agreeing to the mechanism, that Heritage may pay the proceeds to this new trust and not to the State. I have been told that the reason the law requires a trust document (and not simply statements from someone who claims they saw the trust) is that it demonstrates Dad's desires, and because Dad had the right to change his mind and thus the beneficiaries under the trust, nothing short of the actual 1995 trust document may be sufficient to Heritage.

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. Thus, to the extent it is decided to use a new trust to avoid the escheat laws, the only beneficiaries that may be acceptable to me is the

grandchildren. As I stated above, I and my siblings should remain concerned that any estate creditor could challenge the transaction as a fraudulent conveyance. Also, having the 5 children as beneficiaries with each having the right to disclaim in favor of their children (i.e., Dad's grandchildren) is not acceptable for 2 reasons. First, such a scheme is not consistent with Dad's wishes under his will and trust agreement. Whatever Dad may have provided under the 1995 trust is both unknown and not relevant as stated above. The second reason is simple economics. My kids would get a 33% distribution under the proper method, but only 20% under the other scheme.

Regards,

Eliot I. Bernstein

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Also, check out

Eliot's Testimony at the NY Senate Judiciary Committee Hearings Professional Video courtesy of NY Senate, my fav part at end

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7oHKs_crYIs

Eliot's Testimony at the NY Senate Judiciary Committee Hearings Professional Video Handheld Camera View, my favorite version at the very end

<http://youtu.be/3Q9MzqZv4lw>

and

Christine Anderson New York Supreme Court Attorney Ethics Expert Whistleblower Testimony, FOX IN THE HENHOUSE and LAW WHOLLY VIOLATED TOP DOWN EXPOSING JUST HOW WALL STREET / GREED STREET / FRAUD STREET MELTED DOWN AND WHY NO PROSECUTIONS OR RECOVERY OF STOLEN FUNDS HAS BEEN MADE. Anderson in US Fed Court Fingers, US Attorneys, DA's, ADA's, the New York Attorney General and "Favored Lawyers and Law Firms" @

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6BIK73p4Ueo>

and finally latest blog

<http://iviewit.tv/wordpress/?p=594>

Eliot Part 1 - The Iviewit Inventions @

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LOn4hwemqW0>

Iviewit Inventor Eliot Bernstein Guest on Les Winston DisBar the Florida Bar Show #1

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Sent: Wednesday, February 6, 2013 3:49 PM
To: Eliot Bernstein (iviewit@gmail.com)
Cc: 'Pam Simon'; Jill Iantoni; Lisa Friedstein (lisa.friedstein@gmail.com); ROBERT SPALLINA (rspallina@tescherspallina.com)
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.

Ted

Eliot Bernstein

From: Robert Spallina <rspallina@tescherspallina.com>
Sent: Friday, February 8, 2013 8:41 PM
To: Pam Simon
Cc: Eliot Bernstein; Ted Bernstein; Lisa Sue Friedstein; Jill Iantoni; Jill M. Iantoni; Christine P. Yates ~ Director @ Tripp Scott
Subject: Re: Heritage Policy

The law does not REQUIRE a trust to pay proceeds. The terms of lost wills and trusts are routinely proved up through parole evidence. The lawyer I spoke with at Heritage told me that this happens once every ten days and the estate is rarely if ever the beneficiary of the proceeds on a lost trust instrument. I have NEVER heard of proceeds being paid to the probate court.

Your father changed himself to the owner of the policy because he wanted to have the RIGHT to change beneficiaries despite the fact that it causes inclusion of the proceeds in his estate for estate tax purposes. Very near to his death he requested beneficiary change forms but never actually changed the beneficiaries. I will give you one guess who he thought of including and it was none of his grandchildren. I counseled him not to do this and the form was never executed.

As for your father's intent, that is the most important thing and the court will always look to carry that out. The fact that he changed his dispositive documents to include only his grandchildren lends credibility to the fact that he intended that the insurance proceeds would go to his five children. He knew that the trust provided for his children some of whom he knew needed the money. Additionally we had a conference call prior to his death with all of you where he discussed his plans regarding his estate and your mother's estate with all of you. This should be of no surprise to anyone.

Bottom line is that we do not need to have the trust for the carrier to pay the proceeds. The carrier is looking for a court order to pay them to a successor trustee who will distribute them among the beneficiaries.

I do not and have never had a copy of the policy.

Lets stop making this more difficult than it is. Your father told me that the trust provided that the proceeds were going to his children. Pam saw him execute the trust with the same attorney that prepared her own trust a copy of which I have and will offer up to fill in the boilerplate provisions. We have an SS-4 signed by your mother to obtain the EIN. There is not one shred of evidence that the trust was terminated which is the only circumstance that would require payment of the proceeds to the estate.

The fact that your father requested change forms prior to death and didn't execute them speaks to the existence of the trust and that he intended that you all receive an equal share of the proceeds.

I hope that this helps to guide you and unite you in your decision.

Have a nice weekend.

Sent from my iPhone

On Feb 8, 2013, at 7:41 PM, "Pam Simon" <psimon@stpcorp.com> wrote:

Yad - bad news - we don't have copies of the policy - dad probably took it when he emptied his office / probably the trust too! The carrier seems to be the only one with a copy. As to the other items, we should do a call cause the premise is off. Have a good weekend.

Pam

On Feb 8, 2013, at 5:48 PM, "Eliot Bernstein" <iviewit@gmail.com> wrote:

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Subject: RE: Eliot Representation

Robert,

Please move forward as we discussed in the last group phone call in which we decided to have Heritage pay your trust account or a trust that you would act as Trustee. Heritage has stated that they will pay based on a court order showing that there is consensus among the 1995 Trust beneficiaries. Let's get this done.

Ted

From: Eliot Ivan Bernstein [mailto:iviewit@iviewit.tv]
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I will be seeking independent counsel for myself personally, as Candice and I have chosen to have Christine represent our children on the Heritage matter and perhaps other matters to avoid any conflicts. In the interim, please copy me and Christine on all correspondences involving the estates of Simon and Shirley until further notice of who my personal attorney will be. Eliot



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