

Estate Planning & Trusts

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Who we are

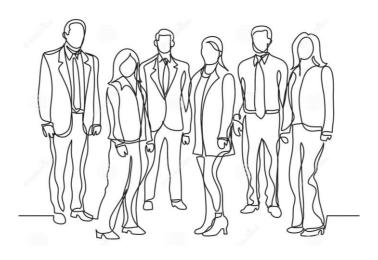
- Leading regional law firm
- Over 300 staff based in Nottingham, Derby, Cardiff & London
- Long established, experienced private client team
- Work in multi-disciplinary teams with other professional advisors

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Why are we here?

Trusts are in your world and mine

- 1. Typical Trust situations
- 2. Use of Trusts
- 3. Trusts in Estate Planning
- 4. Share our experience of different scenarios
- 5. To join-up our thinking so we all:
 - (a) get it right and
 - (b) pro-actively spot opportunities



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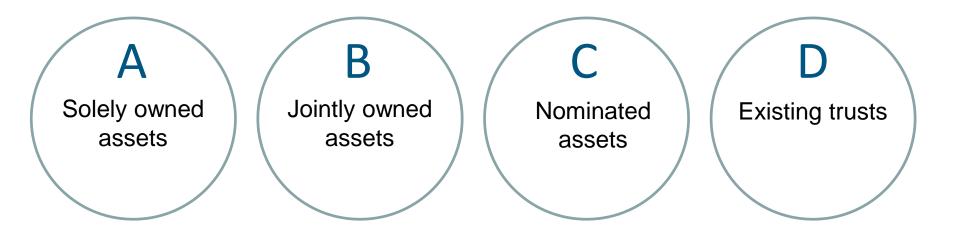
1. Typical Trust situations

- Jointly owned assets
- Pension assets
- Life and term assurance policies
- Loan trusts and discounted gift trusts
- Bare trusts / trusts for minors
- Lifetime discretionary trusts
- Testamentary trusts



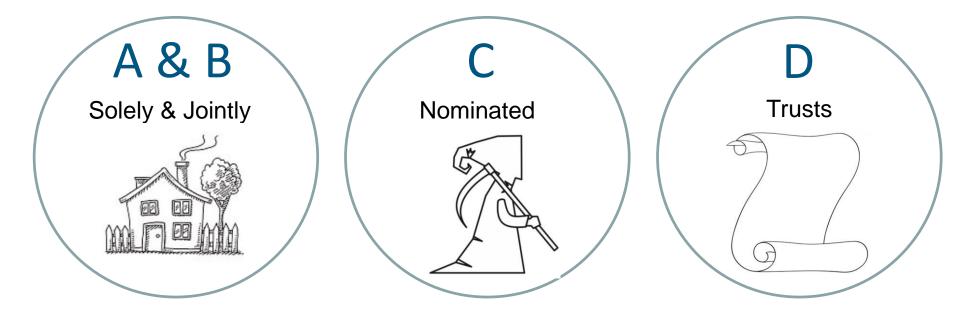
2. Use of Trusts

Know your client – 4 different pots:





3. Trusts in Estate Planning



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4. Let's look at some examples

Example A

Trusts in the solely owned asset pot – Mr and Mrs Sterling

- Estranged child
- Loan Trust
- Gift of loan
- Mr Sterling dies

Example B

Trusts in the Jointly owned asset pot – Mr and Mrs Dollar

- Matrimonial home jointly owned
- No joint bank accounts and liquid assets in Mrs Dollar's name
- Joint AIM portfolio
- Practical issues

Example C

Trusts in the nominated asset pot – Mr and Mrs Franc

- IOM Life policy (but not written in trust)
- Other assets in IOM
- Out of date nomination to pension trustees

Example D

Existing Trusts – Mrs Yen

- Mrs Yen is the life tenant of a trust in her late husband's Will
- Accumulation and Maintenance settlement for grandchildren
- Discretionary trust containing holiday home
- She is a trustee and may be starting to lose capacity
- No plan to pay the IHT

5. Opportunities

Example A – bespoke trusts; loan write off; regular reviews.

Example B – protecting assets on first death; access to cash; banking IHT reliefs at earliest opportunity.

Example C – writing in Trust; rules in other jurisdictions; review and regular instructions to trustees.

Example D — reviewing and updating; spotting capacity issues and acting early; planning for beneficiaries becoming entitled and mitigating taxes.

5. Being Pro-active

- 1. Regular multi-disciplinary reviews
- 2. Involving all advisors at an early stage
- 3. Sharing information e.g. gift schedules, copy wills and powers of attorney
- 4. Involving the next generations, start the planning early.



A good legal plan must fit with a good financial plan and vice versa



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Thank You

