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## **Benefits of a Living Trust**

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Your Trust is the most important document in your estate plan. It is designed to accomplish the following:

- Avoid probate of all assets transferred to the name of the Trust. All financial assets must be registered in the Trust.
- Allow either of you, as Trustee, to manage and have total control over the assets of the Trust during your lives.
- Conveniently allows you, for any reason, to delegate the day-to-day operation of your Trust to another. Provisions in trust delegate responsibility to Successor Trustees when you are incapacitated.
- Create a prompt, flexible and efficient method to distribute your assets after death. May provide for asset management over time for residuary beneficiaries.
- Protect against guardianship proceedings if you become incapacitated. Provide financial management by Successor Trustees.
- Reduce the risk of a will contest and expensive court challenges to your estate plan.
- Avoid or substantially reduce death taxes, depending on the size of your estate and the tax laws at the time of your death.
- Protect the details of your personal estate plan from disclosure to the public.
- Estate planning team members, Financial Advisor, Attorney, and CPA assist to keep trust performing financially through asset protection and educate acting Trustee, Successor Trustee, Trustmakers, and residuary beneficiaries.
- Financial expectation and performance will be best served through periodic meeting with Financial Advisor.
- Periodic meeting with Trust lawyer will assure Trust protection and performance as charges occur such as health problems, financial problems and marital problems.
- Trust provides confident management of financial assets and activities and services needed if the Trustmankers become incapacitated through competent Successor Trustee(s) and Financial Advisor