# Trust Review Checklist (top 4)

01

# TRUSTEE REMOVAL AND APPOINTMENT

Only requires majority of beneficiaries. No court or judge required. Many attorney's only have resignation and appointment language. Gives control and choice to beneficiary(s).

02

#### DISTRIBUTIONS

Does this section correctly capture the client's philosophy of family and wealth for future generations? Consider phrases like "trustee should consider other resources", "\$x over z years allocated to a car or home", "\$x allocated to new business" etc. Trusts will have the Health Education Maintenance and Support language (HEMS). Only the M and S are hard for a trustee to decide upon.

03

## **GOVERNING LAW OF THE TRUST**

There are 7 <u>best trust law locations</u> in America. Sometimes the situation requires a state not making that list. The trust language must allow the trustee the authority to change the situs and administration. Again, all about control and choice for the beneficiary(s).

04

## PERPETUITY OR NOT

Under the concept of control and choice, consider if the client wants the trust to exist forever or be limited to a certain number of years. If forever, make sure the trust language does not have limited number of years.



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