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SAMPLE CASES



TRUST / ESTATE / PROBATE

- Dispute over the proper beneficiary of a large bequest including real estate.
- Beneficiaries of Trust assets alleged that Trustee breached fiduciary duties in administering Trust
- Beneficiaries of Trust disputed division of real property and personal property (pre-litigation).
- Warring family members fought an emotionally charged Breach of Fiduciary Duty case regarding management of real estate. Longstanding family feud issues and millions of dollars in real estate were at issue.
- Co-Trustee brought action to remove the other Co-Trustee for breach of Fiduciary Duty.
- Children of deceased father in dispute with second wife over division of assets pursuant to Trust. Extensive accounting issues.
- Dispute between Co-Trustee and contingent beneficiaries over disposition of real estate of the Trust and other issues.
- Transfer of property related to testamentary bequest was in dispute. Undue influence was alleged.
- Special administrator for real estate with extensive tax and real property issues.