Asset Protection Newsletter

To think is easy. To act is difficult. To act as one thinks is most difficult.

- Johann Wolfgang Von Geoth



Welcome to Our September 2014 Asset Protection Newsletter!

How does equity stripping work?

This strategy calls for you to borrow against or otherwise pledge your assets as collateral security for some obligation. The secured creditor then has first claim against the asset to the extent of the loan. If the loan approximates the value of the asset, there is little or no equity exposed to a litigant. These loans can be structured in a number of ways. It's possible to fully encumber everything you own through one or more loans, and this is a common defensive technique when you anticipate serious problems.

Too many attorneys overlook the equity stripping strategy when they attempt to shelter their clients' assets. But equity stripping combined with titling assets to protective entities can be just the combination needed to stop even the most determined creditor. Part of the problem is that lawyers may see equity stripping as a financial – not legal – solution. A more common problem is that few attorneys – or clients – know how to structure liens that are both defensible and workable from the client's perspective. But we will talk more about this too throughout the interview and the



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Important Changes in Florida Law Latest update: In June of 2010, the reader will see how they can equity strip every asset they own and thereby create an insurmountable obstacle to any creditor.

Are there any other planning tools to know about?

We have covered only some of the available options. We call them the foundational tools. But any expert in our field can go far beyond these basics. And it is no different with us. There are scores of other legal devices. And more and more frequently our strategies are financial in nature. That's why our firm includes sophisticated financial planners who can often bring to the client's situation some tremendously creative solutions. As the expression goes "there are many ways to skin a cat". Our job is to do it in a way that will give our clients the best protection legally possible.

What is the Totten Trust?

In some states, such as Florida, it is desirable to pass assets outside of the surrogate's court. There are many tools that you can use to achieve this objective. One such tool is the Totten Trust. The Totten Trust is an arrangement created by a person depositing his or her own money in his or her own name in a bank account for the benefit of another.

The Totten Trust originated from the case, Matter of Totten, 179 N.Y. 112 (1904), are created only with certain types of depository and is sometimes described as "arrangements for deposit account. Historically, since this "trust," often consisted of small amounts of monies and didn't fulfill the formal requirements of trust creation, and it fell short of the requirements for a Will creation, it was referred to as the "poor man's will."

The Totten Trust passes outside of probate because the bank account automatically passes to the beneficiary named – rather than through Will.

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