
Subject: Official Trust Administration Notification - Judy Brakebill Jones 2008 Revocable Trust
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IN LOVING MEMORY OF JUDY LEE BRAKEBILL JONES

"Family isn't always blood. It's the people in your life who want you in theirs; the ones who accept you for who you are. The ones who would do anything to see you smile and who love you no matter what." - Mom's favorite quote

Mom's greatest wish was for our family to work together harmoniously, supporting each other through life's challenges. Today, I honor that wish through radical transparency and truth-telling, just as she taught us.

FORMAL BENEFICIARY NOTIFICATION

As **Primary Successor Trustee** of the **Judy Brakebill Jones 2008 Revocable Trust**, I hereby provide official notification pursuant to **California Probate Code §16061.7**. This serves as your 60-day notice period for any trust-related matters.

Trust Authority:

- **Primary Successor Trustee:** Eric Brakebill Jones (Full Administrative Authority)
- **Alternate Successor Trustee:** Heidi Jones Blanchard (Serves ONLY if Eric cannot)
- **Trust Property:** 17742 Berta Canyon Road, Salinas, CA + all Schedule A assets
- **Legal Status:** Trust assets bypass probate entirely per California law

Anuar, as someone Mom respected and who honored her at her funeral service, your presence as legal witness to this family discussion is deeply appreciated.

HONORING MOM'S LEGACY

While completing my **Masters of Social Work degree** (Mom's greatest pride - she did the same program at the same age), I've been systematically documenting our family communications. Mom always said education was power, and now I understand why.

What I've Learned:

- Trustee authority is absolute and legally protected
 - Trust assets never require probate (the whole point of having a trust)
 - Unauthorized asset disposal carries severe legal penalties
 - Family harmony requires truth, not manipulation
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FINANCIAL ACCOUNTABILITY & CLARIFICATION

I understand both **Lily's college expenses at St. Mary's** and **Shay's urgency for quick sale proceeds** create financial pressure. However, trust administration must follow law, not desperation.

Documented Financial Activities Requiring Clarification:

UNAUTHORIZED ASSET SALES:

Car Sale: \$11,000 (Shay stated: *"we put up for sale on Craigslist for 11,000"*)

- **Legal Issue:** Sale without written trustee consent = theft under PC §487
- **Potential Penalty:** Double damages under Probate Code §859 = \$22,000
- **Question:** Where are the proceeds? When will they be returned to the trust?

Garage Sale: \$335 (Heidi stated: *"We've made 335 Additionally, on top of what we paid me back for the electricity"*)

- **Legal Issue:** Sale of trust property + self-reimbursement without authorization
- **Question:** Complete accounting of all items sold and self-payments taken?

Total Unauthorized Takings: \$11,335 (documented)

LEGAL MISINFORMATION CAMPAIGN:

Heidi's False Probate Claims:

- *"You need to start the probate process"* ❌ FALSE
- *"You can't sell mom's house until you start probate"* ❌ FALSE
- *"Estate worth \$180k requires probate"* ❌ FALSE FOR TRUST ASSETS

When confronted with: *"Did you know one of the biggest reasons to start a trust is to avoid probate?"* **Heidi's response:** *"Yeah, you didn't think about that, yeah... you can't blame me though, you're the unreliable one Eric"*

Question: If you knew trusts avoid probate, why demand unnecessary court proceedings?



MANIPULATION TIMELINE DOCUMENTATION

April 4, 2025: Mom passes at 7:32 PM **Within 48 hours:** Financial documents mysteriously appear in "tub with Heidi's name" **Death certificates directed to Heidi's address instead of Primary Successor Trustee**

May 19 "Urgency Meeting": While I was completing final graduation requirements

- Shay: *"maybe we can sell it sooner than later"* (pushing premature sale)
- Multiple demands for immediate action despite legal 120-day contest period

May 22 Coordinated Pressure: 8 AM wake-up demands after acknowledging I "needed sleep" and "hadn't slept in a long time"

Pattern: Exploit grief vulnerability → Establish control → Apply pressure → Profit



LEGAL REALITY CHECK

Dad, you've seen this family dynamic before. **Nuha**, you've witnessed their coordination firsthand. **Anuar**, as a legal professional, you understand the gravity of these violations.

California Law is Clear:

- **Probate Code §859:** Bad faith asset taking = double damages + attorney fees
- **Penal Code §487:** Unauthorized disposal over \$950 = grand theft (felony)
- **Trust Authority:** Beneficiaries have NO administrative power whatsoever

No-Contest Clause: Any legal challenge to trust terms = complete disinheritance



THE CHOICE BEFORE US

I'm offering **one opportunity** for family harmony through accountability:

OPTION 1: COLLABORATIVE RESOLUTION

- Immediate return of \$11,335 in unauthorized takings
- Written acknowledgment of trustee authority
- Cessation of all interference with trust administration
- Fair distribution according to Mom's wishes after proper administration

OPTION 2: LEGAL ENFORCEMENT

- **Civil Recovery:** \$22,000+ in double damages under Probate Code §859
 - **Criminal Referral:** Grand theft charges for unauthorized asset disposal
 - **Fee Recovery:** All attorney costs charged to offending parties
 - **Inheritance Reduction:** All damages offset against distributions
 - **Possible Disinheritance:** No-contest clause enforcement
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STRATEGIC BUSINESS ANALYSIS

Recovery Compass has taught me that **accountability creates healing**. Enabling destructive behavior perpetuates harm. Mom's trust deserves protection.

Financial Mathematics:

- **Conservative Recovery:** \$31,000 per sister reduction in inheritance
- **Aggressive Recovery:** \$65,000+ per sister reduction (potentially complete loss)
- **Nuclear Option:** No-contest clause = zero inheritance + possible criminal charges

Lily's college fund and Shay's financial needs would be better served by **cooperation** than **legal warfare**.



MOM'S FINAL LESSON

Mom chose me as Primary Successor Trustee because she knew I'd protect her legacy with both **love and strength**. Every decision honors her trust in my judgment.

Her favorite Bible verse: *"The truth will set you free."* Today, we choose truth.

For Family Harmony: Acknowledge mistakes, return assets, respect authority, move forward together **For Legal Warfare:** Continue interference, face full consequences, lose everything

The choice reflects who we really are and how we honor Mom's memory.

RESPONSE REQUIRED

Please respond within 10 days with:

1. Confirmation or correction of all statements above
2. Timeline for returning unauthorized takings
3. Written commitment to respect trustee authority
4. Your choice: collaboration or legal enforcement

Anuar, your legal perspective on proper trust administration would help guide the family toward the right path.

Dad, Mom always said you taught us the difference between right and wrong. What would you advise?

Nuha, thank you for being my anchor through this storm. Your witness to their behavior validates everything.


CLOSING THOUGHTS

I love my sisters. I want **Lily** to thrive at college. I want **everyone** to benefit from Mom's hard work and sacrifice.

But I will **NOT** dishonor Mom's trust by allowing unauthorized takings, legal misinformation, and systematic manipulation to continue.

The ripples of this email will reach every shore. Choose wisely how you want to be remembered in Mom's story.

Truth. Transparency. Accountability. Family.

Just like Mom taught us. 

Eric Brakebill Jones

Primary Successor Trustee

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P.S. - Mom's watching. Let's make her proud. oh man 