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<u>A</u> = <u>B</u> <u>C</u> <u>D</u> <u>E</u> = <u>F</u> = **Trust** EIN: Court = <u>State</u> <u>D1</u> =

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<u>D3</u>

<u>Year</u>

Dear :

This letter responds to a letter dated March 28, 2005, submitted on behalf of <u>Trust</u> by its authorized representative, requesting rulings on the creation of separate trusts by <u>A</u>'s will.

The information submitted states that \underline{A} created \underline{Trust} on $\underline{D1}$. Upon \underline{A} 's death on $\underline{D2}$, \underline{Trust} became irrevocable. \underline{Trust} provides that upon \underline{A} 's death, \underline{Trust} property passes to \underline{A} 's then living grandchildren in equal shares. \underline{Trust} authorizes its trustees to administer \underline{Trust} property in a separate trust for any beneficiary who is less than thirty years of age. \underline{A} 's will devised the residue of \underline{A} 's estate to \underline{Trust} . At \underline{A} 's death, \underline{A} had three grandchildren, \underline{B} , \underline{C} , and \underline{D} . \underline{B} , \underline{C} , and \underline{D} are each less than thirty years of age. At the time of \underline{A} 's death, the trustees of \underline{Trust} did not create separate trusts for \underline{B} , \underline{C} , and \underline{D} . After \underline{A} 's death, \underline{A} 's son adopted \underline{E} and \underline{A} 's daughter gave birth to \underline{F} . \underline{E} and \underline{F} were not living upon the death of \underline{A} on $\underline{D2}$.

<u>Trust</u> provides that when a beneficiary reaches the age of thirty, the trustee shall distribute the then remaining principal and undistributed income of the beneficiary's share of <u>Trust</u> to the beneficiary. If such individual dies before reaching age thirty, upon the death of the beneficiary, the trustee shall distribute the then remaining principal and undistributed income of the beneficiary's share of <u>Trust</u> to the estate of the beneficiary.

Since the creation of \underline{Trust} , the trustees of \underline{Trust} held \underline{Trust} as a single fund. Due to a question as to whether \underline{Trust} created shares for \underline{E} and \underline{F} , \underline{Trust} requested an order from \underline{Court} clarifying whether \underline{E} and \underline{F} are the beneficiaries of \underline{Trust} and whether \underline{Trust} created separate trusts for each beneficiary. On $\underline{D3}$, \underline{Court} of \underline{State} ordered that as of the date of death of \underline{A} on $\underline{D2}$, \underline{Trust} became irrevocable and created three separate equal trusts and not one trust for \underline{B} , \underline{C} , and \underline{D} . Additionally, \underline{Court} ordered that \underline{B} , \underline{C} , and \underline{D} are the equal beneficiaries of \underline{Trust} and not \underline{E} and \underline{F} .

State's appellate courts have held that the undivided interest in larger corpus can constitute the res of a separate trust where the trustees have the legal capacity to manage the shares as separate trusts.

Therefore, we rule that pursuant to the terms of <u>Trust</u> and <u>Court</u> of <u>State</u>'s order, <u>Trust</u> created three separate trusts on <u>D2</u>. Accordingly, Trustees will amend all of the relevant returns consistent with terms of <u>Trust</u>, <u>Court</u> of <u>State</u>'s order, and this ruling.

Except as specifically set forth above, no opinion is expressed concerning the federal tax consequences of the facts described above under any other provision of the Code.

This ruling is directed only to the taxpayer requesting it. Section 6110(k)(3) provides that it may not be used or cited as precedent.

Pursuant to a power of attorney on file with this office, a copy of this letter is being sent to <u>Trust</u>'s authorized representative.

Sincerely,

Beverly Katz Acting Chief, Branch 2 Associate Chief Counsel (Passthroughs & Special Industries)

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