

Three Reasons

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- (1) The reasons were carried into the estate when they should have been resolved before hand?
- (2) The family was blamed for the reasons?
- (x) The reasons were planted between family members for the family to resolve when the family members had no power to do it?
- (X) The reasons were used as wedges to drive through the family?
- (2) The confusion and conflict from the reasons cover and divert attention the actual money trails?
- (2) The family was blamed for the confusion and conflict resulting from the reasons. reasons?

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- (3) The reasons were planted between family members for the family to resolve when the family members had no power to do it?

**Delay
Covers
\$70,051**

“Delay” for appraisal, gifts and debts

ESTATE OF JEAN M. O'CONNELL

PART II EXTENSION OF TIME TO FILE The original due date was June 15, 1992

1. The decedent was a part owner of a tract of ground the value of which is to be determined by an appraisal in progress. The enclosed payment is based on the maximum value for the property and will be changed.

2. The estate does not at this date possess full data for certain gifts and debts of the estate and other needed information.

The trustee will be made to appear responsible for the appraisal, gifts, and debts. Innocent Jean Nader will be used to carry out the accountant's instructions to the trustee for the appraisal and for the gift of the car.

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April 22, 1992

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Re: Disbursement

Dear Jean,

Enclosed is an agreement which should satisfy Tony as to the car. It cannot be any clearer.

Also enclosed is a preliminary analysis of the estate tax, which should be close to being accurate. I do need to check with Jo Ann Barnes as to a technical question as to whether or not any of your father's trust comes into this. I do not think it does, but there have been many changes in the law since that trust was established. I will have to ask her to bill us for that advice and any other technical tax matters I am not comfortable with. I can do most of the rest of the tax work and save the estate some money.

The executors' commission shown on the analysis is not figured on the value of the realty; however it does not include the 5% commission on the receipts of the estate in addition to the inventory.

Debts (coming) In order to file that return and the subsequent Fiduciary Income tax return we will need an accounting from Tony from the date of his last accounting to the date of death. If he does not want to prepare it, I will not agree to any preliminary disbursement to him at all, and will seek your approval to file suit against him to compel the accounting, plus damages to the estate for his delay. Since that trust terminated on your mother's death, his final accounting is due now and not in October.

There will be no further explanations or written entreaties to him as far as I am concerned. He has the duty and he will perform it under a court order if necessary. Of course he will furnish that receipt.

Appraisal The preliminary analysis contains three alternatives on Accotink at the bottom for your consideration.

In the event that we do seek a reduction in the assessment Tony will be given written notice that his prompt cooperation is necessary and that if he fails to cooperate that he is aware of the

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adverse consequences to the estate and is responsible for them.

As far as further steps are concerned, we have a lot to do. No gift tax returns were filed for 1989 and 1991 which will have to be done. The results of those gifts are factored in under "Unified Credit used for gifts 9,784".

The paper trail in the court and IRS is as follows:

- File Estate tax by June 15, 1992
- File First Accounting (16 months after qualification but can be sooner)
- Ask for posting of Debts and Demands against the estate.
- File Fiduciary Income tax returns for period 9/15/91-9/15/92, due January 1, 1993.
- File Motion for a Show Cause why distribution should not be made. Submit Show Cause Order.
- Request Executor's exoneration letter from IRS and Virginia.
- Obtain closing letter from IRS and Virginia as to estate tax returns.
- File 1993 Fiduciary tax returns (Sept. 1992-distribution)
- File for Order allowing distribution.
- Distribute estate.
- File Final Accounting.

Normally distribution is withheld until the Order of Distribution is entered. As I indicated the creditors have one year to press claims against the estate. No prudent executor will distribute before that period, the entry of the Order of Distribution and the receipt of the tax closing letters.

Sincerely


Edward J. White

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SH. NOTES. STOCKS & BONDS

ck Wash Gas Light Co. 8/1/91	105.00
ck Signet 8/5/91	39.60
ck A. G. Edwards 8/15/91	2,346.63
ck Kemper Mun Bond Fund 4/30/91	162.86
ck Kemper Mun Bond Fund 5/31/91	162.86
ck Kemper Mun Bond Fund 7/31/91	162.86
ck Kemper Mun Bond Fund 8/30/91	162.86
Ck Nuveen Fund 3/1/91	63.00
Ck Nuveen Fund 5/1/91	63.00
ck Nuveen Fund 6/3/91	63.00
ck Nuveen Fund 8/1/91	66.50
ck Nuveen Fund 9/3/91	66.50
ck American Funds 9/9/91	424.76
Sovran Bank #4536-2785	3,310.46
First Virginia Bank #4076-1509	22,812.52
Fx Co. Ind Dev Bond	109,587.00
Franklin Va. Fund 4556.001 sh	50,507.84
Investment Co. of America 3861.447 sh	65,663.91
Kemper Mun Bond Fund 2961.152 sh	30,396.23
Nuveen Premium Inc Mun Fund 700 sh	6,450.50
Washington Gas Light Co. 200 sh	6,375.00
Signet Banking Corp 198 sh	4,331.25
Lynch Properties note	518,903.26
Travelers Check	20.00
1988 Plymouth Van	8,000.00
Am Funds 5/10/91	326.60
USAA Subscriber savings acct	25.10
SUB TOTAL	830,599.10

OTHER ASSETS

1990 Virginia Tax refund	1,605.58
Debt from Harold O'Connell Trust	659.97
Blue Cross refund	88.78
SUB TOTAL	2,354.33

Debts

JOINT ASSETS

Hallmark Bank #1107849600	40,796.81
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REAL ESTATE

15 acres Fairfax Co. Va. 53.9006% interest	323,403.60
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TOTAL ASSETS	1,197,153.84
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DEBTS

Colonial Emerg Phys (med bill)	10.40
Fairfax Circ Ct. letters	14.00
Jean M. Nader probate tax reimb	1,269.00
Sovran Bank Car loan payoff	1,364.97
Checks	15.89
Commissioner of accounts Inventory	61.00
IRS 1991 1040 return	15,332.00
Va. Dept Tax 1991 return	2,856.00
Jean M. Nader, bills pd	8,559.00
Sheila Ann O'Connell-Shevenell, cem bill	475.00
Co-Executors' Commission	41,529.96
Commissioner of Accounts fee for Accounting	1,048.25

TOTAL DEBTS AND EXPENSES	72,535.46
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Appraisal TAX COMPUTATION

GROSS ESTATE		1,197,153.84		
DEBTS & EXPENSES		72,535.46		

TAXABLE ESTATE		1,124,618.38	ACC 75% 1,043,767.48	ACC 60% 995,256.94
				<i>3 1/2% BRACKET</i>
TENTATIVE TAX 41% bracket		396,893.53	363,744.67	343,950.21
Unified Credit before gift comp	192,800			
Unified Credit used for gifts	9,784			
UNIFIED CREDIT		183,016.00	183,016.00	183,016.00
CREDIT FOR VIRGINIA TAX		40,375.58	35,201.12	32,934.39
NET FEDERAL TAX		173,501.96	145,527.55	127,999.82
VIRGINIA TAX		40,375.58	35,201.12	32,934.39
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TOTAL ESTATE TAXES		213,877.53	180,728.67	160,934.21

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May 4, 1992

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Dear Jean,

Appraisal Enclosed is the form for appealing the tax assessment of the Accotink property. On page 2, it states that there is a June 1 deadline. I do not think we can make a claim of a lesser value on the estate tax return if we do not file an appeal with the county. To fail to do appeal it would hurt our argument with the IRS.

Gifts The summary of the estate tax computation and the interplay of the gift tax is as follows:

1. In computing the estate tax, the gross estate (which includes anything which passes due to death whether in the probate estate or not) is figured, the debts subtracted and the "taxable estate" is ascertained.
2. The tax is then computed on the taxable estate. From this figure is subtracted a "unified credit" of \$192,800 (equivalent to a taxable estate of \$600,000).
3. Lifetime gifts in excess of \$10,000 to any one individual are taxable at the estate/gift tax rates. Each year the donor should have filed a gift tax return, though no tax is due unless the entire \$192,800 credit has been used in making the gifts.
4. Each gift over \$10,000 uses a portion of the unified credit, thus reducing the amount of that credit available to apply to the estate tax.


In our case the lifetime gifts used up \$9784.00 of the available credit. A list of the gifts is enclosed. Returns for 1989 and 1991 must be filed. As fiduciaries we must certify to the IRS that the return is true and correct. We have personal liability in that regard. If we have knowledge of a gift to Tony of \$15,000, we must report it. Tony is going to have to answer that question before we can be satisfied. If he claims he did not receive the money, he will have to supply us with an affidavit to that effect.

As far as the management of an estate undergoing the probate process is concerned, the Executors are entitled to some latitude

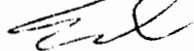
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within the confines of their fiduciary duty. The decisions about the estate are theirs.

My personal operational mode in these matters is to keep the heirs fully supplied with the paperwork of the estate, and consult with them fully as to strategic and long range issues, such as the valuation of property in the Accotink situation. The day to day matters and the justification for tactical positions taken such as the contents of forms and accountings are the prerogative of the Executors and subject to the scrutiny and approval of the Commissioner of Accounts or the taxing authorities only.

Debts With regard to the filing of the income tax return, my file indicates that I received a fax copy of the K-1 from the Harold O'Connell Trust on April 9, 1992, only six days before the tax return was due. 

Sincerely,



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May 19, 1992

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Re: Estate of Jean M. O'Connell

Dear Mr. O'Connell,

In your letter of May 6 to Jean you asked that I communicate with you with regard to the Harold O'Connell Trust.

I am trying to prepare the estate tax, and as usual in these cases, there are problems trying to understand the flow of debts and income.

I do have a few questions which are put forward simply so that the figures on the Trust's tax returns and accounting will agree with the estate's.

1. The K-1 filed by the Trust for 1991 showed income to your mother of \$41,446.00. The Seventh Accounting appears to show a disbursement to her of \$40,000.00 plus first half realty taxes paid by the trust for her and thus a disbursement to her of \$1794.89. If these two disbursements are added the sum is \$41,794.89. This leaves \$348.89 which I cannot figure out. It could well be a disbursement of principal and not taxable.

2. The K-1 filed by the Trust showed a payment of \$816.00 in interest to the estate. You sent a check in the amount of \$1475.97 to the estate. What was the remaining \$659.97? Do I have this confused with the tax debt/credit situation which ran from the Third Accounting?

3. On the Seventh Accounting "Income per 7th Account" is shown as \$5181.71, but I cannot figure that one out either.

I am of the opinion that the estate owes the trust for the second half real estate taxes from September 15, 1991 through December 31, 1991 in the amount of \$1052.35. This is shown on your accounting as disbursed to the heirs. Should this be paid back to the heirs or to the Trust?

I believe that the income received from the savings accounts

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from September 15 to the date the various banks made their next payment to the Trust (9/30 and 9/21) should be split on a per diem basis, since the Trust terminated on her death. This will be a small amount of course.

Debts Are there any other debts which your Mother owed the Trust?

I realize that Jo Ann Barnes prepared this and if you authorize it I can ask her to help me out.

Please understand that I have no problem with the Accounting, I m just trying to match things up. In the long run, since the beneficiaries are the same, the matter is academic.

Please send the bill for the appraisal whenever you receive it. Jean is filing the Fairfax form for re-assessment in her capacity as a co-owner in order to give us a better basis to get this assessment changed and to meet the county's deadline. It will state that the appraisal you have ordered will follow. I think this will be to all of your benefit in the long run.

Sincerely,



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July 16, 1992

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Re: Estate of Jean M. O' Connell

Dear Mr. O'Connell,

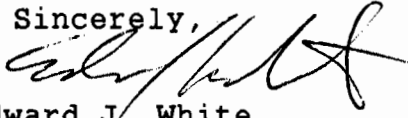
In order that I might file an accurate estate tax return, I need to know the following:

Gifts At any time prior to your mother's death did you receive in any one or more calendar years, gifts from her totalling more than \$10,000.00?

If you did, please list the dates and amounts of each gift.

If you did not, let me know.

Sincerely,


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