

Wedge

Wedge using car, 14 pages

Wedge pattern

(1) Withhold what the family needs. If there is not a need, create one, such as planting an invisible obstacle between family members and making the family appear responsible for removing it when the family is powerless to remove it.

(2) An invisible obstacle could be a document that should not be signed, such as a document that would create an accounting entanglement. Give a trusting family member a bad document and instruct that family member to instruct another family member to sign it. When the second family member questions the document, don't respond and don't recognize the problem. The trusting family member is led to believe that the second family member is the obstacle because he won't sign the bad document. There is nothing the second family member can do if the trusting family member continues to trust the creator of the bad document. A wedge is created.

(3) The second family member believes he has two choices; either go without reliable legal advice and sign the bad document, or get reliable legal advice from another attorney on how to write a good document. If he chooses the latter that can be used to make it appear that there are two attorneys representing a divided family and to justify shutting out the second family member and attacking his reputation.

“As a matter of fact I am precluded as an attorney from dealing with an adverse party who is represented by counsel.”

(Edward White, February 2, 1993)

“From inception of this estate including the time that his sisters gave him the vehicle and I merely asked for a receipt so that a proper accounting might be filed, Mr. O'Connell has tried one stunt after another to disrupt the flow of administration, notwithstanding my repeated attempts to calm him down.”

(Edward White, November 5, 1993)

Invisible obstacle

Anthony O'Connell
6541 Franconia Road
Springfield, Virginia 22150
{703} 971-2855
March 30, 1992

Mr. Ed White, Attorney
118 South Royal Street
Alexandria, Virginia 22314

Reference: Estate of Jean O'Connell

Dear Mr. White:

I have a few questions I hope you would be kind enough to answer.

1. As you know, the Lynch Limited Partnership plans to pay my Mother's estate \$545,820.43 on April 21, 1992. What is your best guess as to when and in what amount(s) you will make distribution(s) to the beneficiaries?

2. The license plates on my deceased Mother's Van expire in April of 1992. Virginia DMV requires a new title with the new owners name before they will issue new plates {The plates cannot be renewed by the co-executors signing for Jean O'Connell}. The bank will give the co-executors the title if you simply pay them the interest on the loan. I understand the principal on the loan has been paid and I am guessing that the interest is something in the range of \$1200 to \$1400. Would you please pay the bank the interest so they will give you the title? What is your decision as to who gets the van and how much will it costs?

3. What is your fee for being co-executor of my mother's estate?

Yours truly,

Anthony O'Connell

Copy to:

Ms. Jean O'Connell Nader
350 Fourth Avenue
New Kensington, Pennsylvania 15068

EDWARD J. WHITE
ATTORNEY AT LAW
118 SOUTH ROYAL STREET
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22314

TELEPHONE 836-5444

April 4, 1992

Mr. Anthony M. O'Connell
6541 Franconia Rd.
Springfield, Va. 22150

Re: Estate of Jean M. O' Connell

Dear Mr. O'Connell,

I have received your letter of March 30, 1992.

The answers are:

Question 1. As soon as the money is received, the tax liabilities evaluated and upon consultation with the Co-Executor.

Question 2. Paid. It is not my decision as to what it will cost you, though I have been informed that you know full well.

Question 3. 2 1/2% of the receipts into the probate estate if approved by the Commissioner of Accounts.

I would call to your attention that on two separate occasions I drove to Sovran and spent a lengthy period of time on the question of the car loan. I did this in person since: I knew that you had the vehicle, that your sisters wanted you to have it, that the insurance and tags were due to expire soon and I did not want you to be inconvenienced. I could have done all of this by mail and it probably would have taken about three months, knowing the nature of the loan problem. I assumed I was doing you a favor.

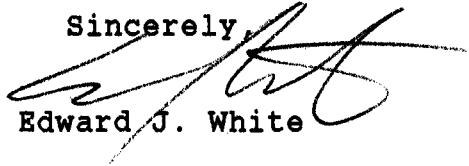
Now I receive you letter asking that I "simply pay them the interest" I paid the interest and principal in one check on March 12, received the title on March 22 and mailed it to Mrs. Nader to sign over to you on March 23. Have you any suggestions as to how it could have gone faster?

The information of the commission was given to you previously by Mrs. Nader.

I do not know what your problem is, but in the future, please address all correspondence to Mrs. Nader.

I am trying to be patient with you, but I find that this estate is time consuming enough without having to deal with letters such as the last two that I have received.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'EJW', written over the typed name 'Edward J. White'.

Edward J. White

EJW/e

Copy to: Jean M. Nader

Anthony O'Connell
6541 Franconia Road
Springfield, Virginia 22150
April 7, 1992


Mr. Ed White, Attorney
118 South Royal Street
Alexandria, Virginia 22314

Reference: Estate of Jean O'Connell,
1988 Plymouth

Dear Mr. White:

This morning I received the papers on my mother's 1988 Plymouth.

The receipt states "RECEIVED of the Estate of Jean M. O'Connell,
one 1988 Plymouth Station Wagon of a value of \$8,000.00"

Would the recipient of the Plymouth have the \$8,000.00 value
deducted from their eventual distribution from the estate? In
effect, is the recipient of the \$8,000 Plymouth choosing between
\$8,000.00 in cash or the \$8,000.00 value of the Plymouth? 

What are the tax consequences for the recipient?

Yours truly,

Anthony O'Connell

No reply

Copy to:

Ms. Jean O'Connell Nader
350 Fourth Avenue
New Kensington, Pennsylvania 15068

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No response from Edward White

Anthony O'Connell
6541 Franconia Road
Springfield, Virginia 22150
{703} 971-2855
April 21, 1992

Mr. Ed White, Attorney
118 South Royal Street
Alexandria, Virginia 22314

Reference: Estate of Jean O'Connell

Dear Mr. White:



Enclosed is a receipt for the 1988 Plymouth and a check from the trust to the estate of Jean O'Connell for \$1,475.97. The amount of \$1,475.97 is the balance of the net income due Jean O'Connell for the period 1/1/91 to her death on 9/15/91.

No reply

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Anthony O'Connell".
Anthony O'Connell

Copy to:
Ms. Jean O'Connell Nader

April 21, 1992

Today I received from the estate of Jean O'Connell, one 1988
Plymouth Station Wagon, VIN 1P4FH4037JX221930.

Anthony M. O'Connell

Anthony M. O'Connell

COPY

No response from Edward White

Going around invisible obstacle

Anthony O'Connell
6541 Franconia Road
Springfield, Virginia 22150
May 5, 1992

Mrs. Jean Nader
350 4th Avenue
New Kensington. Penn 15068

Ms. Sheila O'Connell
44 Carleton Street
Portland, Maine 04102

Dear Jean and Sheila,

Hope you both are well. I would like try to get resolution on the Plymouth Van. Jean, I hope you don't mind me taking the initiative on this.

I talked to Mr. Prichard today. He agreed with me that if I had signed the receipt Mr. White wrote, the Plymouth would have cost me \$8,000.00.

Mr. Prichard said that if it is the will of both of you to sell it to me for \$1, it is necessary that you both sign a statement to that effect. It is the beneficiaries decision. Mr. White is not a beneficiary. If either of you do not wish to do that, no hard feelings. Just tell me, Jean, where you want me to park the Van and I'll mail you the keys.

Please sign and date the appropriate line on the enclosed sheet and return it to me in the enclosed stamped and self addressed envelope. That is all there is to it.

Love,

Anthony O'Connell

Copy
Mr. White

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It is my decision as a beneficiary of the estate of Jean O'Connell, that Anthony O'Connell may purchase the 1988 Plymouth Van now in the estate, VIN 1P4FH4037JX221930, for one dollar.

Name

Date

It is my decision as a beneficiary of the estate of Jean O'Connell, that Anthony O'Connell may not purchase the 1988 Plymouth Van now in the estate, VIN 1P4FH4037JX221930, for one dollar.

Name

Date