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Audits & Class Action Alarms: Protecting Your Assets in These Litigious Times Tuesday, May 7 | 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM



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Employers Under Attack

- **Independent Contractor Audits**
- Class Action Wage/Hour Litigation
- Multi-Agency Task Force Investigations
- **Retroactive Implementation of Regulatory** Interpretations
- Joint Employment Doctrine

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- Class Action Suits at both federal and state levels
- PAGA-California law
- Multistate consequences with variable standards
- AB5/Dynamex ramifications California





- National Labor Relations Board
- US and State Departments of Labor
- State Workers' Compensation Boards
- Federal Trade Commission

Applicable Statutes

- National Labor Relations Act
- Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)
- Affordable Healthcare Act (ACA)
- Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA)
- Age Discrimination in Employment Act (ADEA)
- **Title VII of the Civil Rights Act**
- **Occupational Safety & Health Act (OSHA)**
- State workers' compensation acts
- **Equivalent state laws and local ordinances**





What is Asset Protection?

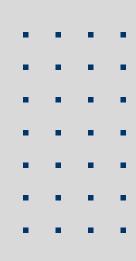


Why Asset Protection?

"Lawyers can debate the morality of asset protection. My first duty is to my clients and my clients have a need. This is in response to a legal system that has spun a little out of control and is abused by lawyers for legal extortion and who can throw someone's life into a tailspin. Trusts are our response to that abuse of the legal system."

Barry S. Engel, Esq.







It's Not What You Do It's What You Own!



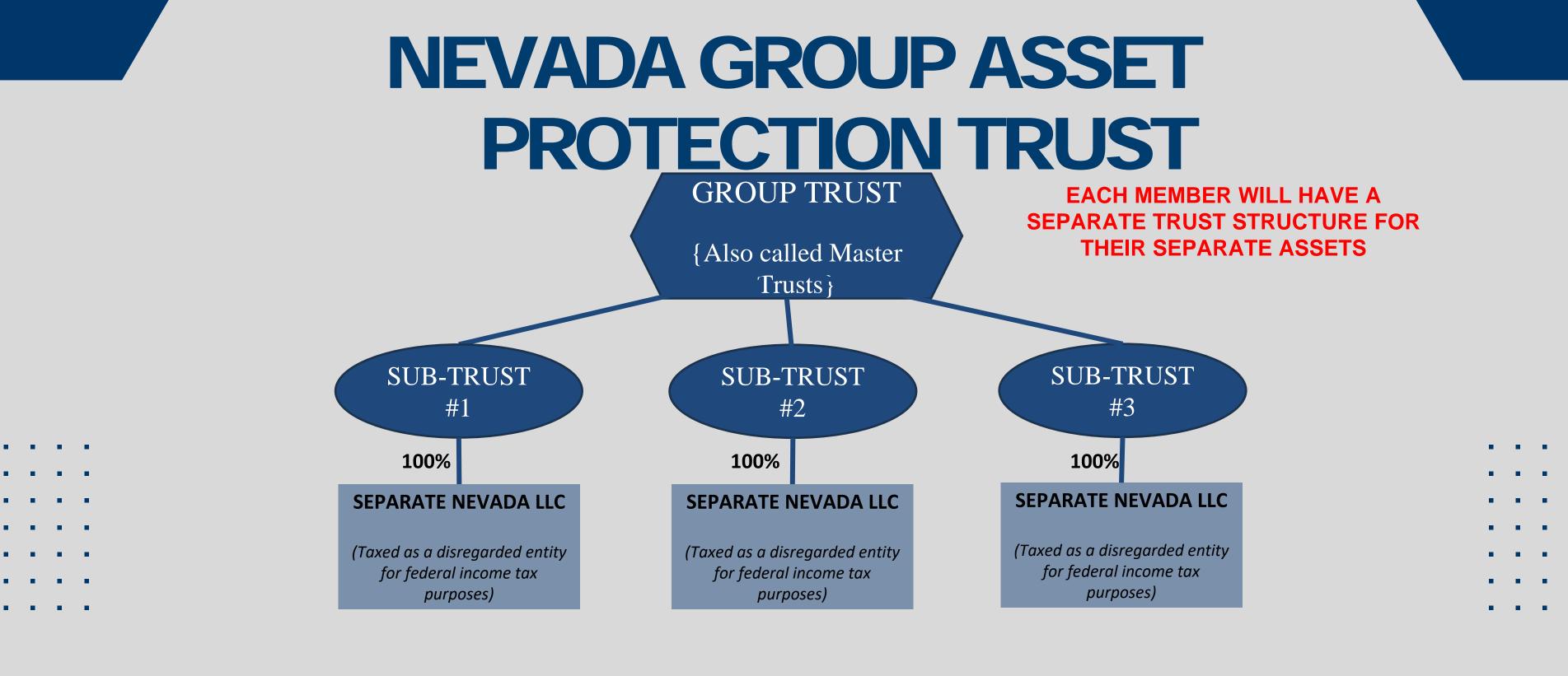
Trusts for Asset Protection

Self-settled trust

- 20 of 50 states recognize self-settled trusts for asset protection.
 - But what if you don't live in the state?
 - We don't yet know if they work









Trusts for Asset Protection

Third-party Irrevocable trusts

- Trust established for beneficiaries other than the trust creator
- Works in all 50 states
- Hestablishes a trust for W or H&W's children
- If H gets sued, trustee can distribute assets to W to pay for H's lifestyle
- Grantor can be trustee
- Grantor can retain power to hire and fire trustee
- Use floating spouse in case H and W divorce and H has a new spouse

If grantor loses assets to lawsuit, trustee can distribute assets to spouse for lifestyle





Receiving Distributions from a Third-Party Trust without Being a Beneficiary

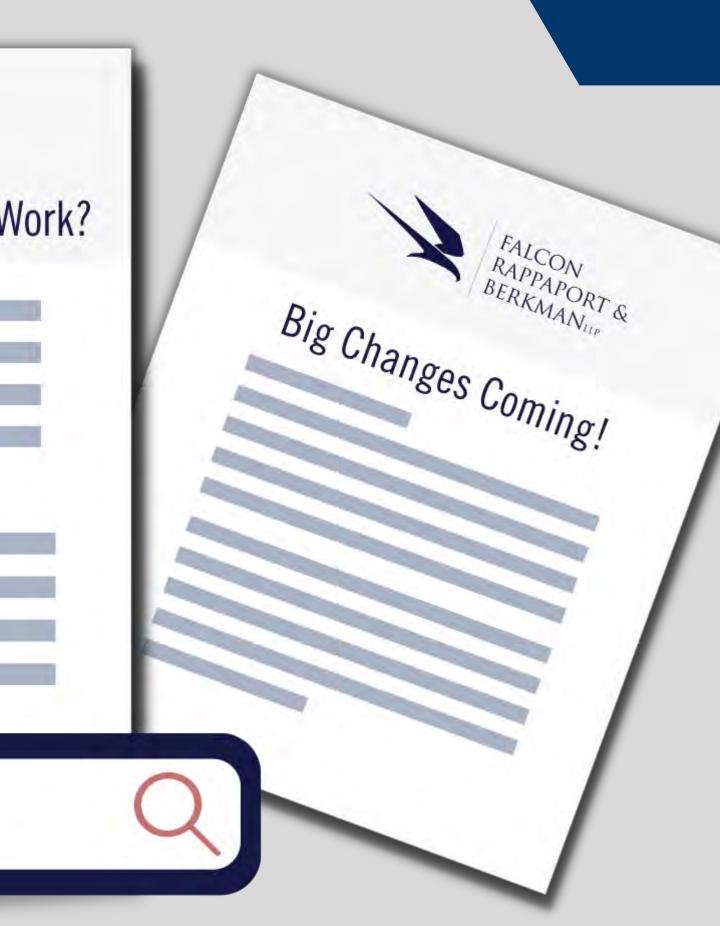
- Distribution to spouse who shares \$ with grantor
- **Distributions to other beneficiaries who transfers** or spends for grantor
- Sell assets to Trust for a promissory note
- Trust can loan \$ to grantor for a note





Does Asset Protection Really Work?





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