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I've Been Named A Trustee. Now What?

By Lindsay M. Harris

In our experience, most persons named as a trustee are non-professional trustees. In other words, the role of trustee is typically filled by a family member, either a spouse or a child, or a trusted friend. As a non-professional trustee, most persons nominated have very little idea of what is expected of them or the liability they take on by agreeing to act as trustee. This article will assist those who are either currently serving or have been nominated to serve as successor trustee. This discussion is not applicable to a person serving as trustee of a trust which he or she created to hold their own assets.

It is critical you understand your duties and responsibilities because a failure to carry out each and every duty with 100% accuracy with the terms of the trust could cause you to be personally liable for any damages caused by your failure.

In the absence of an express provision of the trust stating otherwise, I have listed 16 duties of the successor trustee in the full article on our website. If you are found to have breached any of the duties, which can be referred to as "breach of trust", a beneficiary can file a lawsuit. BUT you have defenses!

Read more at SwierLaw.com/library.



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Little Free Libraries Installed In Harrisburg!

Swier Law Firm is proud to announce that six Little Free Libraries have officially been installed and dedicated in the community of Harrisburg, South Dakota.

The law firm hosted a kick-off event on Monday, July 31, 2017. Founder and managing member Scott Swier, attorney Lindsay Harris, and executive director Sara Travis were joined by members of the community including, Harrisburg Mayor Julie Burke-Van Luvanee, Alderman Ryan Olson, and Parks and Rec employee Andrew Pietrus for the dedication.

Read more at SwierLaw.com/community.



Derek and Jennifer Brady

Veteran Of The Game at the Canaries Field Is Still Going Strong!

Swier Law Firm continues to pay tribute to the men and women of our nation's Armed Forces by honoring a Veteran of the Game during Sioux Falls Canaries home games in 2017. We have had some AMAZING men and women as our honorees and we have loved sharing their stories!

Each honored Hero receives four (4) game tickets behind the Canaries dugout and a limited edition t-shirt. They will also be introduced and recognized during the game between innings!

To nominate an active duty, reserve, or retired service member hero in your life, visit SwierLaw.com/community.





Garth Brooks Ticket Giveaway!

Announcing ANOTHER Garth Brooks Ticket Giveaway COMING SOON! Watch for the announcement and contest on our Facebook page to enter to win 2 free tickets to the concert!



Elder Law - Helping You Protect What Matters Most In Your Life

Our Elder Law attorneys help to guide families and individuals through the complex issues facing the elderly at all levels of wealth. Elder Law issues often involve questions of real estate, income, estate, and gift taxation, as well as trust, estate, and Medicaid laws and regulations. Since most families and individuals find this maze of interrelated laws to be both daunting and confusing, we will assist you in successfully achieving your estate planning goals and in protecting yourself, your heirs, and your legacy.

Read more at SwierLaw.com/practice_areas.

Attorneys Sworn-In To Federal Court

Swier Law Firm attorneys Brooke Swier-Schloss and Rebekkah Steinwand took the oath of admission on July 31 to practice law in the Federal District Court of South Dakota.

The Honorable Karen Schreier presided over the ceremony and administered the oath.

By becoming members of the federal bar, Brooke and Rebekkah will now represent clients in both state and federal court.

Congratulations Brooke and Rebekkah!



Support Our Soldiers Night At The Ballfield!

Thursday, August 24, 2017, will be the "Swier Law Firm Support Our Soldiers" night at the Sioux Falls Canaries game! Anyone who brings something in for us to send overseas, as part of our Swier Law Firm Support Our Soldiers campaign, will receive a discounted ticket!

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