

We are pleased to send you our Fall 2018 edition of the *Trusts and Estates Quarterly*. The members of our Trusts and Estates Department write on topics that we think will be of interest to our clients and friends. Please do not hesitate to let us know if there are any topics of particular interest to you.

What should we tell the kids?

"Let the kids know what we have. It'll keep them in touch."

"Our kids admit that nothing would make them happier than inheriting our money. So we're going to leave them nothing."

Sound familiar? We hope not. [Click here to read why.](#)

The Trust: A Remedy with Side Effects

Like most efficacious remedies, trusts have side effects. "Side effects?" you say. "But everyone uses them. How much of a problem can they be?"

Big! You have to need the remedy. [Click here to read further.](#)

It's Not Easy Being Green (Yet), but Have You Considered a Green Burial?

Green burials are burials that do not involve embalming, use of a vault to encase a casket, or cremation. Until the Civil War, most burials in America were "green burials." Jewish and Muslim customs in the U.S. have always been "green," in that the deceased is buried quickly, without embalming, in a wood coffin, and dressed in clothing or a shroud made of natural fabrics.

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A Brief History of the Estate Tax: From War Efforts to Social Equalizer

Did you know that the federal estate tax dates back to 1797 as a means to raise revenue for war efforts? That it evolved to a progressive measure to redistribute wealth? Whether you are opposed to the estate tax or consider it a civic duty to pay, you may find its history interesting.

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