SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE'S INITIAL RESPONSIBILITIES

You, as successor Trustee, are empowered to wind up your loved one's affairs and distribute trust assets. Also, your loved one's will, which appoints you as personal representative, gives you authority to conduct business on behalf of your loved one's estate.

Here is a list of the important things for you to do in the first few weeks following your loved one's death: ☐ Obtain certified copies of your loved one's death ☐ Determine if any immediate expenses need to certificate (your funeral director probably will do be paid. this for you). ☐ Inquire about utilities (gas, electricity, telephone) ☐ Remove valuables from your loved one's residence and take the appropriate steps to turn them off, and place of business and store them safely. Don't if appropriate. distribute the assets until we have determined if they need to be valued. ☐ Cancel your loved one's charge accounts, credit cards, and magazine subscriptions and ask for ☐ Change the locks on your loved one's residence refunds, if applicable. and/or place of business. ☐ Contact individuals who owe money to your loved one and arrange for continued collection of ☐ Make certain that fire, property and casualty insurance coverage continues on personal effects, those funds. automobiles, real estate, and any goods in storage. Contact the Social Security Administration, and the Department of Veterans' Affairs, if applicable. ☐ Gather personal records, including your loved one's checkbooks and bank accounts, investment ☐ Hold any Social Security benefits received after accounts, insurance statements and tax returns your loved one's death. for at least three years. ☐ If your loved one had a Disabled Person Parking ☐ Gather all life and accident insurance policies; don't forget to check travel clubs, alumni Placard issued by the Department of Motor Vehicles, return the placard to the DMV. associations, trade associations, and any other organization that might make life insurance ☐ Check your loved one's records to find his or available to its members. her digital assets — i.e., Facebook account,



☐ Arrange to have your loved one's mail forwarded

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