

Overview

When it comes to estates and trusts, disputes are rarely planned for, but they frequently arise. In fact, they happen far too often. If friction occurs, Dentons can help. Although we often strive to solve problems through discussion, mediation or other forms of alternate dispute resolution, there are times when a corporate or individual fiduciary, family member or other beneficiary, or claimed beneficiary, needs an experienced litigator on their side. Dentons will properly and forcefully present your position—in a courtroom, before an administrative tribunal or to a corporate fiduciary’s board.

As your counsel and advocate, Dentons has the experience to take on any dispute that may arise and either amicably resolve it or, if that’s impossible, achieve the desired result in court. Perhaps there is a challenge to the will on grounds that it was not properly executed or lack of testamentary capacity. Or a dispute over the administration of an estate or trust, with claims that the executors or personal representatives of the estate are not doing their job. Perhaps there’s a belief that the trustees are not fulfilling their responsibilities or, conversely, the fiduciary, whether a bank, trust company or individual, claims it is being unfairly attacked.

Working with members of Dentons’ Litigation group as needed, Dentons’ Trusts, Estates and Wealth Preservation Group handles these and other types of disputes, and we can guide you through the litigation maze to resolve your issues in a timely manner.

Particularly in the estates and trusts area, Dentons always pursues alternative routes to conflict resolution before resorting to litigation. But when the “nuclear option” is unavoidable, it is important to choose experienced litigators and, if needed, a global firm that can also provide guidance with respect to assets in any jurisdiction, and courts in any locale.