

Revocable Living Trusts

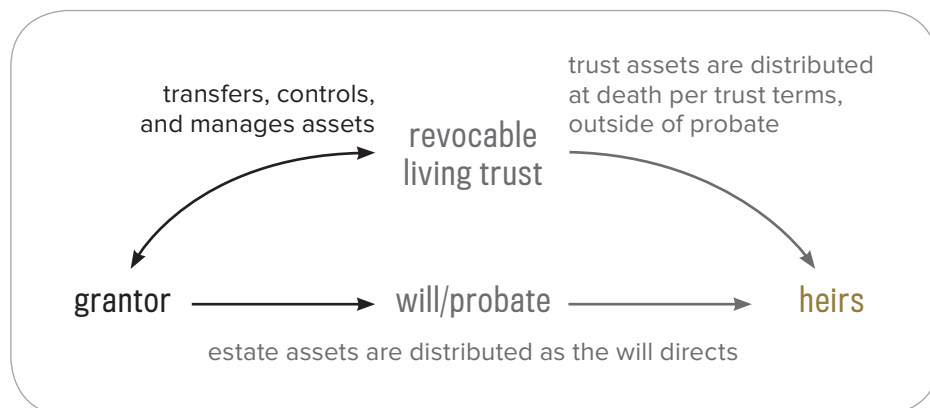
A revocable living trust lets grantors retain control of assets during life—including the ability to add or remove assets or change trust terms—while dictating asset distribution at death. Unlike a will, this popular estate planning tool avoids the expense and complications of probate.

Concept applied:

An individual can use a revocable living trust along with a will to both manage assets during life and provide straightforward asset distribution at death, preserving privacy by avoiding probate.

How it works:

Martin Moss owns real estate in three different states—his residence, a vacation home, and an office building just over the state line. Without a trust, each real estate parcel would be subject to probate in its own state—a painful, costly scenario for his heirs. To prevent this, he places the properties (along with other assets) into a revocable living trust, ensuring that all trust assets will be distributed immediately according to the trust terms without the hassle, time, expense, and publicity of probate.



Why is it useful?

Assets in a revocable living trust pass directly and privately to named heirs. However, while a revocable living trust avoids the expense of probate, there are expenses associated with setting up the trust.



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