

WHAT ARE TRUSTS

WHY ESTABLISH ONE IN THE BAHAMAS?

A trust is a legal arrangement in which one party (the settlor) transfers assets to another party (the trustee) to manage and hold for the benefit of a third party (the beneficiaries). This centuries-old structure is widely used for wealth preservation, succession planning, asset protection, and charitable giving.

WHY USE A TRUST?

Trusts offer a flexible and confidential way to:

- Ensure your wealth is passed on according to your wishes
- Protect assets from legal claims or disputes
- Provide for family members across generations
- Support charitable or specific purposes
- Avoid lengthy probate and reduce estate complications

Trusts can hold a wide range of assets—from real estate and investment portfolios to shares in private companies.

WHY ESTABLISH A TRUST IN THE BAHAMAS?

The Bahamas is recognized globally as a leading trust jurisdiction, offering a combination of legal innovation, political stability, and financial expertise.

Key Benefits of a Bahamian Trust:

- **Modern Trust Laws:** The Bahamas offers cutting-edge trust legislation, including purpose trusts, asset protection trusts, and reserved powers trusts.
- **Tax Neutrality:** No capital gains, inheritance, or estate taxes on trusts in The Bahamas.
- **Confidentiality:** Strong privacy laws protect the identities of settlors and beneficiaries.
- **Asset Protection:** Trusts can safeguard assets against future creditors or legal claims.
- **Flexible Planning:** Bahamian trusts are ideal for multi-jurisdictional families and international estate planning.
- **Experienced Professionals:** The Bahamas has a well-regulated financial sector with skilled trustees and legal advisors.

Whether you're seeking to protect family wealth, plan for succession, or establish a philanthropic legacy, a trust in The Bahamas offers the security, flexibility, and privacy needed to achieve your long-term goals.

Interested in setting up a trust?

Contact Leno Trust Ltd. to speak with a licensed professional and explore the right structure for your needs.



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