

Trusts

Law

Splitting legal ownership from beneficial ownership.

The structure and requirements.

The parties

Settlor — creates the trust

Trustee — holds legal title

Beneficiary — entitled to the benefit

One person can occupy more than one role

The three certainties

Certainty of intention to create a trust

Certainty of subject matter

Certainty of objects — who benefits

All three, or the trust fails

Educational reference. Trusts are used for succession, protection of vulnerable beneficiaries, pensions and collective investment.