

# Court Accountings on 1301 Trusts

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## What is a 1301 Trust?

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### *Nature of a 1301 Trust . . .*

- Established under Chapter 1301 Texas Estates Code
- Serves as Alternative to Guardianship of the Estate
- Formerly Known as 867 Trusts
- Can be an SNT, but not all are SNTs
- Established for either . . .
  - ✓ Minor Child
  - ✓ Incapacitated Adult
  - ✓ Disabled Adult with Physical Disabilities Only

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## What is a 1301 Trust?

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### *Where is a 1301 Trust Created . . .*

- Established by Court with Guardianship & Probate Jurisdiction
- Statutory Probate Court, County Court, County Court at Law
- Venue = County of Beneficiary's Residence In Most Cases

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## What is a 1301 Trust?

### *1301 Trusts Compared with 142 Trusts. . .*

	142 Trusts	1301 Trusts
Court?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• District Court</li><li>• Non-Probate Court</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Probate Court</li><li>• Statutory Probate</li><li>• CCAL</li></ul>
Accounting?	No	<b>YES!</b>
Fees?	Published Fee Schedule	<b>5x5 Fee</b>
Court Oversight?	Limited	<b>YES!</b>

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## What is a 1301 Trust?

### *1301 Trusts Compared with 142 Trusts. . .*

- Corporate Fiduciaries Prefer 142 Trusts
- 142 Trusts Are Less Costly to Administer
- 1301 Trusts Should Be Avoided When Possible

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