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- STERN V. MARSHALL. ANNA NICOLE SMITH FILED FOR BANKRUPTCY. PROOF OF CLAIM FILED BY PIERCE MARSHALL. MS. SMITH ASSERTED CLAIM AGAINST MR. MARSHALL FOR TORTIOUS INTERFERENCE WITH TRUST ASSETS. **ISSUE** – ABILITY OF THE BANKRUPTCY COURT TO ADJUDICATE CLAIM FOR TORTIOUS INTERFERENCE WITH TRUST ASSETS.

# PROPERTY OF THE ESTATE

- 11 USC § 541. BANKRUPTCY ESTATE COMPRISED OF ALL OF A DEBTOR'S LEGAL OR EQUITABLE INTERESTS IN PROPERTY AS OF THE COMMENCEMENT OF THE BANKRUPTCY.
- FUNDS HELD IN TRUST. 11 USC § 541(d) – DEBTOR CANNOT CONVERT BARE LEGAL TITLE INTO EQUITABLE TITLE
- WHEN A DEBTOR HOLDS BARE LEGAL TITLE TO PROPERTY, THE SOLE PERMISSIBLE ADMINISTRATIVE ACT OF THE DEBTOR IS TO CONVEY THE PROPERTY TO THE EQUITABLE OWNER.
- TYPES OF TRUST. EXPRESS. IMPLIED. IMPLIED = CONSTRUCTIVE AND RESULTING

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