

Noon Time Legal Seminar, Tuesday, April 18, 2017

12:00-1:00 pm

Nevada County Superior Court, Law Library, 201 Church Street, Nevada City

Living Trusts

Presented by Steve MacFarlane

The Nevada County Law Library offers monthly "Noon Time Legal Seminars" to the general public and practicing attorneys on topics of general interest. These seminars are taught by local attorneys and designed for the lay person, as well as for the practicing attorney, who will receive MCLE credit (Minimum Continuing Legal Education). The cost is \$15/seminar for non-attorneys and \$30 for attorneys. Spaces are limited. We highly suggest pre-registration. To enroll, please call 530-265-7161 or email Law.Library@nccourt.net. Arrive by 11:45 a.m. to complete registration. We prefer cash or check, but credit cards will also be accepted.

This one-hour course will discuss the basics of using revocable or "living" trusts as estate planning tools. The seminar will include the following topics, as well as answering questions.

1. Discussing what a trust is, how it works, why it is used for estate planning, and comparing revocable trusts to other forms of trusts and estate planning tools.
2. Legal and drafting considerations in creating a revocable trust, such as selecting trustees, distribution provisions, and trust funding.
3. Administration of revocable trusts both during life and after death--how they work and what needs to be done when the settlor passes away.
4. Common problems in trust administration, including trustee/beneficiary disputes, accounting, fiduciary responsibilities, and litigation.

About Steve McFarlane

Steve McFarlane has broad experience in the areas of civil litigation, real estate, start-up and small business advising, and estate planning and administration. He graduated *cum laude* from Northwestern University School of Law in 2005, and thereafter, he worked at the law firm of Bowles & Verna LLP in Walnut Creek, handling a wide range of civil and probate litigation. In 2013, Steve began his own practice in Alameda, but moved to Nevada County about a year later. Since then, Steve has served a wide array of clients in civil litigation, business advising, real estate, and probate and trust matters. In his estate planning and administration practice, he has developed plans for individuals and families at a variety of life stages, with a range of assets and preferences, and has assisted clients in administering trusts and probates.