Instruct

Delay Covers \$70,051

"Delay" for appraisal, gifts and debts

ESTATE OF JEAN M. O'CONNELL

PART II EXTENSION OF TIME TO FILE The original due date was June 15, 1992

- 1. The decedent was a part owner of a tract of ground the value of which is to be determined by an appraisal in progress. The enclosed payment is based on the maximum value for the property and will be changed.
- 2. The estate does not at this date possess full data for certain gifts and debts of the estate and other needed information.

The trustee will be made to appear responsible for the appraisal, gifts, and debts. Innocent Jean Nader will be used to carry out the accountant's instructions to the trustee for the appraisal and for the gift of the car.

Missing \$70,051 June 11,1992

There are two versions of the extension request (IRS Form 4768) and two version of the estate tax return (IRS Form 760) with the same dates but for different amounts. One version says \$175,000 was paid to the IRS on June 11, 1992, and one version says i\$119,000 was paid to the IRS on June 11, 1992. There should only be one version. The \$70,051 over payment reported on the \$175,000 version disappears from the accounting.

Can we expose the accounting trail of the \$70.051?

Joanne Barnes

Joanne Barnes does not give accounting instructions to Anthony O'Connell and does not disagree with Edward White.

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THE McGLADREY NETWORK

November 25, 1991

Ms. Jean Nader 350 Fourth Avenue New Kensington, Pennsylvania 15068

Re:

Estate of Jean O'Connell

Dear Ms. Nader:

I am writing to you at this time as a follow-up to our conference regarding your mother's estate. I thought it would be helpful to you to have a timetable of sorts of the filing requirements which will be coming up in order for you to formulate a basic plan.

- Approximately January 15, 1991 (four months after qualification) an inventory is filed with the Commissioner of Accounts in Fairfax County listing the assets and value at the date of death.
- April 15, 1992 her final income tax return would be due.
- June 15, 1992 a Federal estate tax return would be due if her assets exceed \$600,000.
- December 15, 1992, and each year until the estate is closed, an estate prepares an income tax return on net income it receives. This can be a fiscal year ending no later than August 31, 1992 and thereafter, so the first return would be due December 15, 1992.
- Approximately January 15, 1993 (16 months after qualification) a court accounting of all probate assets, income and expenses would be due. If a court accounting is required, it is filed annually until the estate is closed.

While I'm certain Mr. White has probably discussed these filings with you, I thought it would be appropriate for you to understand the timing requirements.

Please contact us directly if we can be of any assistance to you in preparing these documents. We will also be happy to work with Mr. White if that seems appropriate. Louise Priest will be working with me on this estate and will also be familiar with this information if you need assistance.

Very truly yours,

Joanne L. Barnes

JLB:mbm

Trust U/W Harold O'Connell Anthony O'Connell, Trustee 6541 Franconia Road Springfield, Virginia 22150

April 29; 1992 As of April 11, 1992

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THE McGLADREY NETWORK

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO "BKM, LTD."

(PLEASE INCLUDE REF. NO. ON YOUR CHECK)

CLIENT # 96085-THO

RFF NO

9059

FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES RENDERED:

Preparation of Federal and Virginia fiduciary income tax returns for the year ended December 31, 1991 and preparation of annual court accounting for the year ended December 31, 1991

\$3,100

2/2/22

A 1 1/2 % PER MONTH LATE PAYMENT PENALTY WILL BE ADDED TO ALL ACCOUNTS NOT PAID WITHIN 40 DAYS OF THE BILLING DATE.

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Estate of Jean M. O'Connell Edward White, Co-Executor 118 South Royal Street Alexandria, Virginia 22314 February 1, 1993 As of January 15, 1993

TERMS: All accounts over 40 days are subject to a 1.5% per month finance charge on unpaid balance.

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO "KBC, P.C." (PLEASE INCLUDE REF. NO. ON YOUR CHECK)

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CLIENT #96088-001 REF. NO.

R-10

FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES RENDERED:

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Preparation of Federal and Virginia fiduciary income tax returns for the year ended August 31, 1992.

\$1,000

Edward White

Edward White gives accounting instructions

EDWARD J. WHITE ATTORNEY AT LAW 118 SOUTH ROYAL STREET

ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22314

TELEPHONE 836-5444 February 18, 1992

Mr. Anthony M. O'Connell 6541 Franconia Rd. Springfield, Va. 22150

Re: Estate of Jean M. O' Connell

Dear Mr. O'Connell,

In order to prepare your mother's 1991 income tax returns, I need the amount that the Harold O'Connell Trust paid her during 1991. In the event the payment was not made in 1991, I will need to file the amount which was due as "income with respect to a decedent" on the estate tax and fiduciary tax returns. The cutoff date for your computation will be September 15, 1991. After that date the trust technically terminated, and the income belongs to the beneficiaries of that trust.

Jean and I are making progress on the estate. We have decided to leave the A. G. Edwards accounts in place since they are earning a better rate of return than a bank can give.

I am trying to get to the bottom of the car problem with Sovran and should be able to get the title soon so that it can be transferred to you before the insurance expires.

Jean has informed me that you and your sisters have decided that it is best to try and list the Accotink property at its actual value as of the of death rather than a higher value based on its future value. ince you have worked so diligently on this problem in the past, could you give me the name of an appraiser who could do a valuation which will take into account all of the county inspired problems. It seems to me that the county value of \$600,000.00 is too high based on the hurdles you have run into in trying to develop it.

Could you also send me the address of Lynch Properties?

Edward J. White

EJW/e

Copy to: Jean M. Nader

Missing \$545,820 April 21,1992

The accountants do not mention the cash payment of \$545,820 to the Estate from the payoff of Lynch Note 1 on April 21, 1992, and the payment does not show in the accountings or tax returns.

When the accountants told the beneficiaries that the Lynch note would not produce any capital gain, I told them that it would and the taxes were paid. At that time I did not know that they were not reporting the \$545,820 payment. So strangely, the payment was not reported but the taxes on the payment were paid.

Can we expose the accounting trails of the \$545,820 payment?

EDWARD J. WHITE

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TELEPHONE 836-5444

April 22, 1992

Mrs. Jean M. Nader 350 Fourth Ave. New Kensington, Pa. 15068

Re: Disbursement

Dear Jean,

Enclosed is an agreement which should satisfy Tony as to the car. It cannot be any clearer.

Also enclosed is a preliminary analysis of the estate tax, which should be close to being accurate. I do need to check with Jo Ann Barnes as to a technical question as to whether or not any of your father's trust comes into this. I do not think it does, but there have been many changes in the law since that trust was established. I will have to ask her to bill us for that advice and any other technical tax matters I am not comfortable with. I can do most of the rest of the tax work and save the estate some money.

The executors' commission shown on the analysis is <u>not</u> figured on the value of the realty; however it does not include the 5% commission on the receipts of the estate in addition to the inventory.

In order to file that return and the subsequent Fiduciary Income tax return we will need an accounting from Tony from the date of his last accounting to the date of death. If he does not want to prepare it, I will not agree to any preliminary disbursal to him at all, and will seek your approval to file suit against him to compel the accounting, plus damages to the estate for his delay. Since that trust terminated on your mother's death, his final accounting is due now and not in October.

There will be no further explanations or written entreaties to him as far as I am concerned. He has the duty and he will perform it under a court order if necessary. Of course he will furnish that receipt.

The preliminary analysis contains three alternatives on Accotink at the bottom for your consideration.

In the event that we do seek a reduction in the assessment Tony will be given written notice that his prompt cooperation is necessary and that if he fails to cooperate that he is aware of the

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adverse consequences to the estate and is responsible for them.

As far as further steps are concerned, we have a lot to do. No gift tax returns were filed for 1989 and 1991 which will have to be done. The results of those gifts are factored in under "Unified Credit used for gifts 9,784".

The paper trail in the court and IRS is as follows:

File Estate tax by June 15, 1992

File First Accounting (16 months after qualification but can be sooner)

Ask for posting of Debts and Demands against the estate.

File Fiduciary Income tax returns for period 9/15/91-9/15/92, due January 1, 1993.

File Motion for a Show Cause why distribution should not be made. Submit Show Cause Order.

Request Executor's exoneration letter from IRS and Virginia.
Obtain closing letter from IRS and Virginia as to estate tax returns.

File 1993 Fiduciary tax returns (Sept. 1992-distribution)

File for Order allowing distribution.

Distribute estate.

File Final Accounting.

Normally distribution is witheld until the Order of Distribution is entered. As I indicated the creditors have one year to press claims against the estate. No prudent executor will distribute before that period, the entry of the Order of Distribution and the receipt of the tax closing letters.

Sincerely

Edward J. White

EJW/e Encl.

3H. NOTES. STOCKS & BONDS

TOTAL DEBTS AND EXPENSES

| ck Wash Gas Light Co. 8/1/91 | 105.00 |
|--|---|
| ck Signet 8/5/91 ck A. G. Edwards 8/15/91 | 39.60 2,346.63 |
| ck Kemper Mun Bond Fund 4/30/91 | 162.86 |
| ck Kemper Mun Bond Fund 5/31/91 | 162.86 |
| ck Kemper Mun Bond Fund 7/31/91 | 162.86 |
| ck Kemper Mun Bond Fund 8/30/91 | 162.86 |
| Ck Nuveen Fund 3/1/91 | 63.00 |
| Ck Nuveen Fund 5/1/91 ck Nuveen Fund 6/3/91 | 63.00 63.00 |
| ck Nuveen Fund 8/1/91 | 66.50 |
| ck Nuveen Fund 9/3/91 | 66.50 |
| ck American Funds 9/9/91 | 424.76 |
| Sovran Bank #4536-2785 | 3,310.46 |
| First Virginia Bank #4076-1509 | 22,812.52 |
| Fx Co. Ind Dev Bond | 109,587.00 |
| Franklin Va. Fund 4556.001 sh Investment Co. of America 3861.447 sh | 50,507.84 65,663.91 |
| Kemper Mun Bond Fund 2961.152 sh | 30,396.23 |
| Nuveen Premium Inc Mun Fund 700 sh | 6,450.50 |
| Washington Gas Light Co. 200 sh | 6,375.00 |
| Signet Banking Corp 198 sh | 4.331.25 |
| Lynch Properties note | 518,903.26 |
| Travelers Check | 20.00 |
| 1988 Plymouth Van Am Funds 5/10/91 | 8,000.00 326.60 |
| USAA Subscriber savings acct | 25.10 |
| SUB TOTAL | 830,599.10 |
| OTHER ASSETS 1990 Virginia Tax refund Debt from Harold O'Connell Trust Blue Cross refund SUB TOTAL | 1,605.58 659.97 88.78 2,354.33 |
| TOTUM AGGEMG | |
| JOINT ASSETS Hallmark Bank #1107849600 | 40,796.81 |
| Hallmark Bank #1107045000 | 40,750.01 |
| REAL ESTATE 15 acres Fairfax Co. Va. 53.9006% interest | 323,403.60 |
| TOTAL ASSETS | 1,197,153.84 |
| | |
| DEBTS | |
| Colonial Emong Phys (mod hill) | 10 40 |
| Colonial Emerg Phys (med bill) Fairfax Circ Ct. letters | 10.40 14.00 |
| Jean M. Nader probate tax reimb | 1,269.00 |
| Sovran Bank Car loan payoff | 1,364.97 |
| Checks | 15.89 |
| Commissioner of accounts Inventory | 61.00 |
| IRS 1991 1040 return Va. Dept Tax 1991 return | 15,332.00 2,856.00 |
| Jean M. Nader, bills pd | 8,559.00 |
| Sheila Ann O'Connell-Shevenell, cem bill | 475.00 |
| Co-Executors' Commission | 41,529.96 |
| Commissioner of Accounts fee for Accounting | 1,048.25 |
| | |

72,535.46

TAX COMPUTATION

| GROSS ESTATE DEBTS & EXPENSES | 1,197,153.84 72,535.46 | | |
|--|---------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|
| TAXABLE ESTATE | 1,124,618.38 | - ACC 75% 1,043,767.48 | ACC 60% 995,256.94 |
| TENTATIVE TAX 41% bracket | 396,893.53 | 363,744.67 | 343,950.21 |
| Unified Credit before gift comp Unified Credit used for gifts | 192,800 9,784 | | |
| UNIFIED CREDIT CREDIT FOR VIRGINIA TAX | 183,016.00 40,375.58 | 183,016.00 35,201.12 | 183,016.00 32,934.39 |
| NET FEDERAL TAX | 173,501.96 40,375.58 | 145,527.55 35,201.12 | 127,999.82 32,934.39 |
| TOTAL ESTATE TAXES | 213,877.53 | 180,728.67 | 160,934.21 |

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TELEPHONE 836-5444

May 4, 1992

Mrs. Jean M. Nader 350 Fourth Ave. New Kensington, Pa. 15068

Dear Jean,

Enclosed is the form for appealing the tax assessment of the Accotink property. On page 2, it states that there is a June 1 deadline. I do not think we can make a claim of a lesser value on the estate tax return if we do not file an appeal with the county. To fail do appeal it would hurt our argument with the IRS.

The summary of the estate tax computation and the interplay of the gift tax is as follows:

- 1. In computing the estate tax, the gross estate (which includes <u>anything</u> which passes due to death whether in the probate estate or not) is figured, the debts subtracted and the "taxable estate" is ascertained.
- 2. The tax is then computed on the taxable estate. From this figure is subtracted a "unified credit" of \$192,800 (equivalent to a taxable estate of \$600,000).
- 3. Lifetime gifts in excess of \$10,000 to any one individual are taxable at the estate/gift tax rates. Each year the donor should have filed a gift tax return, though no tax is due unless the entire \$192,800 credit has been used in making the gifts.
- 4. Each gift over \$10,000 uses a portion of the unified credit, thus reducing the amount of that credit available to apply to the estate tax.

In our case the lifetime gifts used up \$9784.00 of the available credit. A list of the gifts is enclosed. Returns for 1989 and 1991 must be filed. As fiduciaries we must certify to the IRS that the return is true and correct. We have personal liability in that regard. If we have knowledge of a gift to Tony of \$15,000, we must report it. Tony is going to have to answer that question before we can be satisfied. If he claims he did not receive the money, he will have to supply us with an affidavit to that effect.

As far as the management of an estate undergoing the probate process is concerned, the Executors are entitled to some latitude

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within the confines of their fiduciary duty. The decisions about the estate are theirs.

My personal operational mode in these matters is to keep the heirs fully supplied with the paperwork of the estate, and consult with them fully as to strategic and long range issues, such as the valuation of property in the Accotink situation. The day to day matters and the justification for tactical positions taken such as the contents of forms and accountings are the prerogative of the Executors and subject to the scrutiny and approval of the Commissioner of Accounts or the taxing authorities only.

With regard to the filing of the income tax return, my file indicates that I received a fax copy of the K-1 from the Harold O'Connell Trust on April 9, 1992, only six days before the tax return was due.

Sincerely,

Edward J. White

EJW/e Encl. EDWARD J. WHITE

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TELEPHONE 836-5444

"I will not agree to any preliminary disbursal to him at all ..." (From Edward White to innocent Jean Nader, April 22, 1992)

May 14, 1992

Mr. Anthony M. O'Cornell 6541 Franconia Rd. Springfield, Va. 22150



Re: Estate of Jean M. O' Connell

Dear Mr. O'Connell,

Enclosed is the Estate's check in the amount of \$75,000.00 as a partial disbursement. Similar sums have been paid to Jean and Sheila.

I have mailed an additional check to you in the amount of \$230.14 to Jean to be signed. This represents interest at 4% (the bank rate on the estate account) from April 22, the day of the disbursements to Sheila and Jean, through May 20, 1992, approximately the day you should receive it from her.

Sincerely,

Edward &. White

EJW/e

Copy to: Jean M. Nader

