

Why can't beneficiaries and trustees just get along?

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The need to decide what a trustee should or shouldn't do, at least under English law, goes back as far as the twelfth century and the Lord Chancellor's establishment of the Courts of Chancery. It may not have gotten much better, as trust litigation is certainly an expanding field with the kinds of disputes between trustees and beneficiaries expanding, at least in part as a result of tax-driven trust strategies and special needs trusts.