Whether a family is in the process of estate planning for the first time or they are living under the governance of older trusts, this program will introduce the communication skills and processes that can enable trusts to have long-term positive impact on individuals, families, and the community.

Trusts offer tax advantages, privacy, and asset protection. These advantages make them the central vehicle for succession planning and family wealth transfer. However, despite these technical advantages, trusts can create conflict when the complexities that they pose to the relationships of parents, children, siblings, and advisors go unaddressed. This two-day program will focus on building successful relationships among grantors, trustees, and beneficiaries and defining the responsibilities that each has to play towards the long-term health of the family.

The bottom line value to you and your family

This program will offer a unique focus on the human side of successful trust integration. Through lectures, seminar-style discussions, exercises and case studies, each participant will have the opportunity to learn to:

- Recognize the roles and responsibilities of the grantor, trustee and beneficiary.
- Learn methods for increasing effective communication and promoting healthy trust relationships.
- Create trusts that express the clear intent of the grantors.
- Understand the pros and cons of different types of trustees.
- Evaluate options to increase the flexibility of older trusts.
- Use communication to manage risk, protect the trustee from litigation, and preserve the grantors’ intentions.
- Assemble an effective trust team.

Course Instructors:

Keith Whitaker
Ph.D.
Adjunct Professor, Owen Graduate School of Management, Vanderbilt University

Keith Whitaker is an educator and philanthropist. He consults to enterprising families on succession planning, developing rising generation talent, and communicating during estate planning.

Hartley Goldstone
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Hartley Goldstone has served high net worth families for 30 years. Today, he consults to grantors, trustees and inheritors in all stages of life, their family offices and advisors. The focus is on raising awareness of positive possibilities in the relationship between trustee and beneficiary, and then assisting to discern practical steps.

He co-authored TrustWorthy - New Angles on Trusts from Beneficiaries and Trustees, a collection of 25 personal stories told by beneficiaries and trustees.

Goldstone writes monthly for Trusts and Estates - The Journal for Estate-Planning Professionals. He has presented at conferences of the Family Office Exchange, Institute of Private Investors, American Bankers Association, Purposeful Planning Institute, and others.
Who Should Attend

We welcome the following:

- Family members who are in the role of grantor, trustee or beneficiary
- Professional trustees and family office executives serving as a trustee

*This is a private event and attendance is limited. All information shared during the event by attendees will be kept confidential.

Cost

$2,500

Cost includes tuition, instructional materials, and all scheduled meals listed above.

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