

Wolfe Trust Progression (Anne Wolfe Special Needs Trust and Richard & Ellen Wolfe Trust)

Trustee Changes to Anne's Trust over the Years					
2/15/2002	Hal				George
4/4/2007	Chris	Hal			
4/19/2012	Chris	Hal	Cynthia		
5/11/2015	Chris	Hal	Cynthia	Weiler	< Richard dies in 2013
11/5/2015	Chris & Cynthia	Joel & Susan	Hal & Alan		
5/20/2016	Chris & Cynthia are made Co-Trustees with Ellen				

Trustee Changes to Mom & Dad's Trust over the Years					
4/4/2007	Hal			George	Original Trust
??					First Amendment?
4/19/2012	Chris	Hal	Cynthia		Second Amendment
11/5/2015	Chris & Cynthia	Joel & Susan	Hal & Alan	Weiler	Second Amendment & Restated
5/20/2016	Chris & Cynthia are made Co-Trustees with Ellen				Third Amendment

Year	Trust action and Trustee List (Lawyer who wrote the Trust is also listed)
2-15-2002	Trust for Anne is created and signed. Hal is the Trustee. (Barry George)
4-04-2007	Wolfe family Trust created. (Hal is Trustee.) Anne's Trusts is amended. New Trustee list for Anne's Trust: Chris, Hal (Barry George)
4-19-2012	Both Trusts are amended. New Trustee list: Chris, Hal, Cynthia (Barry George)
5-11-2015	Both Trusts are amended. Trustee list unchanged: Chris, Hal, Cynthia (Joe Weiler)
11-05-2015	Both Trusts are amended. Chris & Cynthia, Joel & Sue, Hal & Alan (Anne: \$950K, Alan: \$475K, Hal: \$0) (Weiler)
5-20-2106	3rd Amendment to Richard & Ellen Wolfe Trust (Chris & Cynthia now Co-Trustees with Ellen (Joe Weiler))

Complete Timeline for Trust Amendments & related actions (updated: 10/25/2022)

Year	Action description
2-15-2002	Two Wolfe Trusts are created – Estate and Special Needs for Anne. Hal is sole Trustee for both (Barry George)
12-24-2005	Joel castigates his father, later calls Hal and tell him not to visit for Christmas and then breaks off contact with his father. (also restricting access to his father's 3 grandsons)
4-04-2007	Both Trusts are amended. New Trustee list: Chris, Hal (Barry George)
4-19-2012	Both Trusts are amended. New Trustee list: Chris, Hal, Cynthia (Barry George) (Per discussion Hal has with his father, Chris proposed he and Cynthia be top 2 Trustees)
8-21-2013	Richard Wolfe dies at 86 years of age
5-11-2015	Both Trusts are amended. Trustee list unchanged: Chris, Hal, Cynthia (Joe Weiler)

- 9-23-2015 Charlevoix lot line shift approved by Eveline Twp**
- 10-13-2015 Hal and Ellen Wolfe drive to Charlevoix and attend Eveline Twp meeting. They want to make certain they understand the approval. 90 day deed submission requirement (instrument of conveyance) not mentioned to them.
- 11-05-2015 Both Trusts are amended. (Per Anne, Chris states: “Now Hal will get his just deserts.”) Chris & Cynthia, Joel & Sue, Hal & Alan (Joe Weiler) Anne is guaranteed \$950K, Alan: \$475K, Hal – not mentioned! (Mom is confused and asks Hal why he isn’t provided a Trust payout guarantee.)
- Nov-2015 Hal sees copies of Trusts for the first time. He is discouraged at changes to Trustee lists. Hal was only told Joel would be added to Anne’s Trust and that it was per Anne’s desire. He was not told Cynthia and Sue would also be elevated / added as Trustees vs helpers. Hal was not told about strange new clause allowing a sister-in-law to remain Trustee. (Most likely an “anti-Joel” clause – Trustee on paper only to support Chris) Hal was not told that Trustee changes would be made to both Trusts – only Anne’s. Hal feels that he, Anne, his mother and the family have been taken advantage of.
- 4-15-2016 Hal submits copy of Proposed Amendment to Wolfe Trust to Joe Weiler via e-mail. Proposed Amendment would name Hal as the Trustee of Charlevoix property. Ellen had offered to “gift” Hal the Charlevoix property, but agreed to this instead. Hal doesn’t believe his share of the Trust will cover the value of the gift, so he declined, and suggested an Amendment as a more equitable alternative. Joe W. sends copy of proposed Amendment to Chris Wolfe without consulting his client.
- 4-20-2016 Chris calls his mother (and sister) and tells his mother that he will “destroy her family” if she signs an agreement to allow Hal to legally manage the Charlevoix property. Under this direct threat from Chris, Ellen decides not to sign. (I had heard this call occurred on Sat. April 16, but Anne notes it on the 20th.) When Hal is told by Anne & Ellen the extend Chris went to to manipulate his mother, he pursues no further action on this matter to spare his mother further grief.
- 5-20-2106 3rd Amendment to Richard & Ellen Wolfe Trust (Chris & Cynthia now Co-Trustees with Ellen (Joe Weiler) (Trustee Power of Attorney given to Chris & Cynthis?)
- 7-13-2016 Ellen Wolfe signs a “Summerhouse gift agreement” to Hal. Ellen & Hal visit Joe Weiler and ask him to review and notarize. Joe refuses. The document is taken to Chemical Bank and notarized.
- 7-21-2016 Joe Weiler and a colleague visit Mrs. Wolfe at her home. Joe request’s Ellen rescind the Summerhouse gift agreement. Ellen refuses.
- 8-20-2016# Chris asks Anne to take Mom’s check book and send it to him. Anne complies. (She had previously been told by Chris to remove donation letters from her mother’s mail. She temporarily complied. Anne regrets both of these actions to this day, and Ellen was upset (& likely depressed) by this until the day she died.)
- 10-13-2016 Joe Weiler has conference with Ellen Wolfe in his office. (4th Amendment prepared?) Joe asks Ellen to sign agreement to give up rights to her estate. Ellen Refuses. Ellen also again asked to rescind Summerhouse gift agreement. Ellen refuses.

- 10-17-2016 Ellen Wolfe dies, 2 days before her 92nd birthday.**
- 10-21-2016 Hal, Chris, Alan & Anne have tense 2 hour discussion in Mom & Dad's condo. Chris proclaims that he will "go by the book on the property sale" to Hal. Chris admits that he understands there was never any risk of loss of property value for Charlevoix property based on the lot line shift. Chris also admits he wanted 4 Trustees to offset the possibility that Alan, Anne and Hal could outvote Chris and Joel on any issues that might come up, so he selected the final Trustee list providing him with 4 Trustees he felt would be loyal to him.
- 10-22-2016 Hal is so upset by the discussion that he leaves town and intends to skip the funeral.
- 10-23-2016 Hal gets up at 4 am, writes a speech, and heads back to Midland for his mother's funeral.
- 1-06-17 to 4-1-2017 Struggle to get fair valuation and price agreement for Charlevoix property. Hal hires a lawyer to help him negotiate against Chris and his lawyer. To this day Chris still claims that Hal sued him regarding this issue. He did not. Chris also claims he failed to do his fiduciary duty. It's not clear he knows that that would actually be. (The price agreed to (\$500K) exceeds the SEVx2 (\$458K) by \$42K.)
- 4-20-2017 Agreement reached for sale of Charlevoix property to Hal for \$500,000.
- Nov 2017 Anne is invited to travel to Olympia for Thanksgiving.
- 11-18-2017 Hal writes formal letter to Chris explaining a number of points of contention regarding his handling of the R&E Wolfe Trust and estate, and lists 3 specific financial grievances.
- 5-11-2018 Hal writes 2 page letter to family with 10 points he objects to in handling of family estate.
- 5-29-2018 Hal sends note to Joe Weiler and Drummand Black requesting review of Joe's conduct.
- 6-10-2018 Hal sends letter to Chalgian & Tripp principles regarding allegation of malpractice.
- 5-14-2018 Note from Alan regarding a talk he had with Chris – Chris stated it would take up to \$100K in legal expenses to close Trust if I don't agree to sign the release.
- 11-20-2018 Hal writes letter to Chris indicating why he is upset with various estate & Trust issues. Chris replies that this letter will add at least a year to the time he will take to make final Trust payments to everyone.
- 11-2018 Hal organizes Thanksgiving week trip to California for Hal & Anne to visit Alan.
- 12-2018 Hal begins treatment for metastatic prostate cancer – trip reimbursement requests lag.
- 5-27-2019 Anne communicates with Chris prior to planned visit w/her. Hal offered meet for lunch. Chris replies that he will have lunch, if Hal will sign the Trustee Release. (e-mail)

Possible meeting in Midland (during July visit being planned)

Christopher Wolfe <clwolfe@comcast.net>

To: Hal Wolfe

Cc: ALAN WOLFE, Anne Wolfe, Susan & Joel Wolfe, cynthia wolfe

Mon, May 27, 2019 at 8:19 PM

Hal,

Anne mentioned that you and Alan might be interested in meeting up in Midland, during our visit in early July. I'd like to consider that, if we can agree to be civil, and not to bring up issues of Mom's or Anne's Trust. Neither can be altered. I am legally obliged to have both carried out as they are written.

If you want to meet in good faith, please send me your signed release, that we provided previously, so that it arrives on or before Monday, July 1, 2019. Please send it to our home address:

3220 Sunset Beach Dr. NW
Olympia, WA, 98502

Thanks!
Chris

5-29-19 Hal writes the following e-mail to the current Trustees regarding difficulties in Trust management they utilize, in this case for setting up flights for a trip being planned to Colorado that will include Anne.

On May 29, 2019, at 3:39 PM, Hal Wolfe <runlikehal@yahoo.com> wrote:

I'm sorry, but I don't understand. It seems to me there is room for improvement in the current Trustee oversight process. Why can't Anne handle her own transactions with a cash advance or a reimbursement, or possibly a joint checking account, of the same type I wish we would have set up for our mom before she died....

Hal

The reply from Chris:

From: Christopher L Wolfe <clwolfe@comcast.net>

To: Hal Wolfe <runlikehal@yahoo.com>

Sent: Thursday, May 30, 2019, 12:14:00 AM EDT

Subject: Re: Flights and coordinating

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July 2019 Hal, Alan & Anne visit Colorado to visit Uncle Bob and Jim McNamara.

Fall 2019 At some point Anne's aging Toyota Corolla was having problems (window control, etc) and I suggested she consider getting a new one. Anne had liked the Subaru Crosstrek. Chris and Cynthia strongly favor Subaru.

Xmas 2019 Hal visits Anne and the two of them look at Ford cars together. Anne likes the EcoSport. It has a higher seat height which Anne likes as she can see well and get in and out easier. She also likes the fact that the dealer is 2 miles from her, whereas Subaru is in Bay City. She and Hal begin looking at lots of Crosstreks and EcoSports that are for sale.

12-26-2019 After a test drive Anne decides she would like an EcoSport. (She also drives a Crosstrek.)

1-9-2020 It was made clear the Trustees would not approve the purchase of a new Ford EcoSport even though it was lower priced than a used Subaru they would approve unless Hal can negotiate a price lower than A-Plan price. Hal indicates this is not possible.

Hal & Anne begin looking for used EcoSports.

- 1-26-2020 Hal finds a used EcoSport in Ypsilanti that meets all of Anne's criteria priced at \$18,318. Hal is told to get the price down to \$17,000 including trade in. Again, this is not possible. Cynthia also tries, but Butman Ford isn't interested in Anne's Toyota. The deal falls thru.
- 1-31-2020 Cynthia purchases a 2018 EcoSport from Midland Ford, who gets the car from a Ford dealer in North Dakota. A Midland Ford employee is flown out there to drive it back. The car costs over 2 grand more than the one that fell through in Ypsi including trade-in. (They gave \$1000 for her Corolla. Hal had offered to sell it. KBB was over \$1500.) So the actual delta was close to 4 grand. Hal is very frustrated, but Anne has a new car.
- 3-04-2020 Final settlement of Wolfe estate is finally made 3.5 years after Ellen died. (\$17,783 each)
- 9-11-2020 Chris makes demand that Hal pay Anne to take care of Sandy during canoe trip. (e-mail) Hal finally requests reimbursement for two trips he included Anne. (9-11-2020 e-mail) Chris states that he must first see a receipt for payment to Anne for dog-care services before he will consider any reimbursement for the trips. (e-mail)
- January 2021 Hal finally gets credit card records and submits request for repayment of travel expenses for Anne, and is paid the ~\$900.
- 4-3-2021 Hal sent formal letter to Trustees requesting info & changes including travel companion. Hal also formally requests a financial accounting of the Trust, and points out that it is legally required. The response from Chris is that I should cease and desist from making suggestions regarding Trust management.
- ~May 2021 Hal gets call from insurance company indicating Mom has an open life insurance policy. Hal sends insurance package to Olympia vis certified mail. It is returned. Hal resends it via standard US mail. It is then received. Anne says she has seen this before, also Cynthia will only respond if >\$1000 Amount turns out to be about to \$5000 (\$1,167 each paid on 7-20-21)
- June 2021? At some point around this time Hal got fed up not having a copy of Anne's Trust and he went directly to Chalgian & Tripp and requested one. Chrysa talks to Hal and will NOT provide him a copy for whatever reason. But she states that she will give one to Anne. Hal returned shortly with Anne and she then gave Anne a copy. This was an unnecessary And rather humiliating scenario. Hal then learns that the Trustees are required to supply ALL family members with an annual financial accounting.
- July 2021 Anne invited to Olympia for Aunt Cherie's Memorial. She travels alone on 6 AM flight. On way out in SEATAC airport she falls & cuts her face and loses a tooth.
- 7-11-2021 1095 (dividend income) statements provided in lieu of an actual financial accounting.
- 9-9-21 E-mail exchange btw Anne & Cynthia – Anne asks for actual financial info, gets angry reply. (**ENOUGH! Hal begins work on a law suit to remove the current Trustees.**)
- 9-23-21 Chris turns 70 and has family party in Detroit. Lena and Adam were there. Laura and Ethan flew in from Colorado. Joel and Sue attended. Claudia was invited. Anne was not invited. (She was upset. Hal wasn't invited, nor was he expected to be.)

- 12-12-2021 Lawsuit filed in Midland Court (It was ready before Thanksgiving, but held back.)
- 1-17-2022 First financial report of Trust supplied by Cynthia for 2018-2021 (hand written)
- 1-25-2022 Family meeting held on Zoom. Joe Weiler orchestrated it. (Geoff Malicoat participated.)
- 2-28-2022 **First hearing** held in Midland Probate Court regarding Trustee removal suit. (Postponed from Feb 1.) **Two additional hearings on March 30(?) And April 26.**
- 4-20-2022 Hal replies to Chris's email note of April 14 reply to a note of Anne's in which he describes the use of Trust funds to defend Trustees as "standard". My reply (in which I stated that there was very little about the Trust itself that was standard in my opinion.) triggered a very angry call from Joel to Anne. Very sad.
- 4-26-22 Anne's lawyer George issues a proposal for a "mini-Trust" funded with 10 grand / year.
- 5-1-2022 (approximate date) Anne fields an angry phone call from Cynthia in which (in Anne's own words) "Cynthia yelled at me and for the first time ever, I yelled back." At which time Anne said that Chris took the phone from Cynthia and he proceeded to yell at her. This is what Anne must endure at the hands of the family members that are entrusted for her care.
- 5-10-2022 (approximate date) After Anne writes a note to Lena asking her if she might be willing to be tapped as a successor Trustee to help manage the "mini-Trust" that her lawyer has proposed (to which Lena politely declined as Anne stated.) Anne soon fielded a very angry phone call from Cynthia in which Cynthia berated Anne for involving her daughter in these affairs. (The reason for the approximate date on these two notes is that Anne has endured so much of this crap, that she doesn't bother to let me know promptly, but generally when I visit her in person, she will let me know what has been going on.) In this case she told me that she reported this incident to her lawyer and that contact with Cynthia was now limited, which is good news for Anne, but another sad development.
- 5-13-22 Hal get's call from Geoff – the Trustees have supplied him a copy of 5 years' worth of financial information. Joe Weiler's office put it together for the Trustees. Not sure if any of it was contracted to Yeo & Yeo. How much this cost and why it needed any involvement from Joe has not been made clear.
- 5-23-22 I had a discussion with Anne. She had previously pressed me in what I might concede to drop the lawsuit. (At one point I had told her that if a mini-Trust of 15 Grand was agreed to with Alan and I as Trustees (and a succession plan for that), giving Anne a \$12,000 per year travel budget (with an inflation provision) and her discretion on a Trust paid travel companion, plus the disgusting "Cynthia clause" (remaining after Chris dies) removed from the Trust (for Susan also) I would consider dropping the suit.) She told me that she had talked to Chris and he emphatically told her he would never agree to the mini-Trust concept. So Anne's hopes for some resolution went down the toilet with that, which was no surprise to me that Chris would not accept anything except his complete and total control.
- 6-2-22 Court hearing to go over 5 years of Trust accountings. Family members were invited for the first time. *(This hearing was cancelled by the Judge for unspecified reasons.)*

- 7-5-22 Anne's cancer diagnosis becomes known. Chris asks me again to drop the lawsuit.
- 7-21-22 Mediation session was planned but cancelled – purportedly due to water damage to the mediator's office in Bay City. Of note – Geoff offered to host it in his office. That offer was declined.
- 7-27-22 Hal drafts his \$15K mini-Trust proposal.
- 8-2-22 Trust financial review finally occurs. **(4th hearing)** I was online for 15 minutes but a Zoom session never opened so I signed off. Apparently it was a private meeting for most of an hour, at which time it was finally opened up. Why was that protocol used, and also kept secret?
- 9-9-22 Hal drafts a 3 page letter for the mediator (as requested) presenting his feelings on the Trustees and the case against them.
- 9-20-22 Anne endures an hour-long phone call from Cynthia. She pressures her to ask that I drop the suit. Anne misses an appointment for 2 injections during this extended conversation. Anne refuses to concede to Cynthia's demands.
- 9-21-22 Joe issues a bogus 1 page letter prior to the mediation session accusing Hal of selfish maleficence and also stating that Anne has no issues with the Trustees, which is a disgusting lie.
- 9-22-22 Mediation session in Bay City at the mediators office, where the elevator didn't work, nor did the drinking fountain. Anne and I attend in person. It ended at 1:30 PM. There were no breaks or any info provided ahead of time about protocol. It was the same day as Anne had her 11 AM chemo-therapy into session (Dave R. came along and took her back to Midland for that), and also a 2 PM wig appointment, which I took here to. Chris didn't attend – he was fishing in Alaska with Joel. So why was this date chosen?
- 9-27-22 Follow up **(5th)** session with the Judge and the lawyers. A 2nd mediation session is mandated for Thurs. October 13, possibly in Joe Weiler's office. (4th session with the lawyers only, or the 5th if you include the closed portion of Joe's financial review.)
- 10-4-22 Hal submits a new \$10 – 15K mini-Trust proposal.
- 10-13-22 2nd mediation session held at Joe Weiler's office. (Geoff and Anne & George were there. I was on the phone.)
- 10-21-22 End of family negotiations set by Court.
- 10-25-22 Final **(6th)** hearing with the lawyers and Judge Allen.
- 1-9-23 Hearing with Judge Allen regarding Hold Harmless Agreement – I was given 24 hours to sign Joe Weiler's version of the agreement.
- 1-20-23 I capitulate and sign the agreement Joe wrote as I am forced to due to prevent Contempt of Court charges from proceeding against me and Joe further burdening Anne's Trust. I also exercise freedom of speech rights and add a letter explaining how disgusted I am. I also formally resign as a Trustee for Anne's mini-Trust. I can no longer consider having to report to Cynthia as this situation would require. I can't tolerate further mental abuse.

- 2-1-23 Hearing regarding Contempt of Court. I talk with Geoff – he felt the hearing should be cancelled since I signed Joe’s agreement. (Anne’s lawyer agreed.) The hearing does take place and Joe reports I am in contempt for not showing up, although I had not been subpoenaed.
- 2-3-23 I am served a Contempt of Court notice at home by a Washtenaw County Sheriff’s deputy that states I need to report to the Midland County jail on Feb 8 unless I somehow resolve the Contempt charges against me, but there is no indication of how I am to do that. It seems that the Court did not accept my signature on the Hold Harmless agreement I signed since I had also included an additional note registering my honest feelings about the disgusting nature of being forced to sign an agreement that states within it that I am signing voluntarily, and my distain for the lawyer that created it, and the Court that required me to sign it “voluntarily”. I am told I need to sign the exact same thing again (and again voluntarily, but under threat of having to go to jail if I don’t agree to voluntarily sign), only this time not include anything else.
- 2-3-23 I am so highly disgusted that I strongly considered going to jail, as I can’t for the life of me see how I can be found in Contempt of Court for exercising my 1st Amendment rights. (I feel as if Judge Allen should be working in Red China.) I talked to many people including my lawyer, and eventually signed the exact same document a 2nd time and my lawyer delivered it to the Court. Hopefully I will not be required to report to prison, but possibly they will find another reason for my incarceration, such as they might infer that my signature was disingenuous, or that the writing wasn’t clear enough, or any BS that my brother’s lawyer (Joe Weiler) & the Judge (Dorene Allen) are so full of.
- 2-3-23 I submit an updated copy of the Mini-Trust agreement with the wording altered from me as Trustee to Alan. I submit a red-colored-font copy of it to my lawyer and to Alan to review. I also recommend that the quarterly reporting requirement be dropped, and that the clause requiring another consent document be signed by the Trustee be eliminated.
- ~3-15-23 Two horrible e-mail notes were forwarded from Chris and Joel.
- ~4-1-23 I told Anne that there was no need to visit Midland to set up an account with Isabella Bank. Anne said she mentioned that to Cynthia who responded, we’’ we’ve heard different things from different people.”
- ~4-20-23 Anne told me that Cynthia called her (or Anne called Cynthia, not sure) and was very rude. She said that she would only talk to her about financial issues, nothing else.
- 4-23-23 Anne and I talked on the way to Charlevoix and back. Anne mentioned the phone call with Cynthia again, and indicated that she didn’t see how Cynthia could be her Trustee.
- 6/1/23 A final financial review hearing held for Trust expenses for in 2022. (It was delayed from April 18 at Mr. Weiler’s request.) I attended via Zoom (as did Geoff Malicoat. Mr. Weiler (and an assistant) and Mr. Phillips were there in person). I requested that Mr. Weiler supply ALL of his available expense records, certainly including December of 2022, which was omitted for reasons unclear. I also requested that Mr. Phillips supply the basics of time records, such as his hourly rate and some accounting of the hours he spent. Neither of my requests were honor by Judge Allen.