The Hoffman Prototype Trust, and Ideas Regarding Cryonics Estate Planning

Section One: Basic Concept of the “Dynasty Trust”

The Hoffman Prototype Cryonics Trust is a specific example of a more general category of trusts called the “Dynasty Trust.” This is a format that has been used since the early 1900s by folks who had wealth and wanted to exercise “control from the grave.” Instead, we cryonicists wish to exercise “control from the dewar.”

Typically and historically, a trustmaker would establish a trustee to carry out his wishes, so that an event that the trustmaker wished to see accomplished is incented by the trust directives.

To illustrate this concept, let’s make you a multimillionaire in the 1950s. You went to Harvard, your daddy went to Harvard, and you want your son to go to Harvard. So, you establish a “dynasty trust” with the provisions that “My son William will inherit my estate if and only if he graduates Harvard with a “B” average or better.”

There is a separate “Trustee” who determines whether the trust “contingency” has been adequately met, and who then distributes the trust assets per the provisions of the trust.

The advantage to us as cryonicists of this approach is that NO new laws regarding the personhood or viability of cryonicists are required to make the trust legal and binding.

The trust assets are managed by a corporate trustee, who must adhere to the provisions of the trust. There is a separate “conservator” who functions as a watchdog on the trustee.

The proceeds of the trust, or the majority of them, are directed by the trust to help fund the resuscitation of the individual in biostasis, as well as be there for him/her upon resuscitation. In my case, my wife is my initial trustee, followed by Suntrust Bank Trust department.
The “law against perpetuities” is not violated by the trust. My personal trust, established in Florida in 2001, has a “death plus 360 year” time limit. Other venues might be utilized for indefinite life spans.

Section Two: Defense in Depth through Overfunding and Redundancy

As prudent cryonicists seeking to preserve and grow our wealth over time, and have access to this wealth upon possible resuscitation, it makes sense to have SEVERAL different trusts in different formats, and in different venues/states/countries.

For this reason, it makes tremendous sense to utilize the tool that high and very high net worth individuals have often historically used, namely, the leverage of life insurance.

By having extra life insurance policies to create EXTRA tax free and creditorproof wealth immediately upon pronouncement of legal “death,” you increase the odds that your cryonics trusts will do what we want them to do.

In addition to the structural protection of the assets coming from life insurance, there is the leverage factor that can create an estate that immediately is three times or even fifty times larger than the cost of funding the life insurance. Life insurance proceeds, when properly structured in an estate plan, bypass probate, have no shrinkage for probate or estate taxes, and can create additional assets. Assets your heirs do not have access to, or even have to know about.

This can enable the funding of multiple trusts, with different structures, managed by different trustees, and increase your odds of being resuscitated, and being resuscitated where you can have more assets and choices.

One of our fellow cryonicists, for example, recently qualified for an extra policy which leveraged less than $10,000 a year into a million dollar policy.

A full copy of the Hoffman Prototype Trust has been made available for my clients, at no charge.
Section Three: The Astonishing World of Premium Finance Related to Cryonics Estate Planning

There is a relatively new concept that only a tiny segment of the population qualifies for. But the audience for cryonics estate planning is already a self-selected elite, and this idea may be a match for some of you.

Here is a quick summary of the idea, which has the potential for increasing your estate by millions with relatively little or even no out of pocket money.

*A loan from a bank or other financial institution is used to finance the premiums of a life insurance policy.

*This enables you to maintain your cash working in your business, which securing a significant life insurance benefit and cash accumulation in the policy. Policy amounts can vary from three to fifty million dollars.

*The policy serves as the primary collateral for limited recourse programs as the following options available at the end of the loan:
  - Pay back the loan out of pocket, or from the cash accumulation in the policy, and keep the policy
  - Sell the policy in the secondary market for more than the loan amount
  - Re-finance the loan over an extended period
  - "Sign over" the policy to the lender

I am working with colleagues who have extensive experience in the rarified arena of premium finance. They are able to do spreadsheets comparing top rated life carriers as well as approved funders for the lending side of the equation.
It should be noted that the “premium finance” idea is not a short process, that it involves several components and programs, and that not all candidates will qualify.

However, for individuals seeking to maximize their cryonics estate and their estate in general, this has the potential to provide significant assets with little or no out of pocket funding.

Section Four: Resources and Action List

A. I am writing THE book on cryonics funding and estate planning. It is provisionally titled, “The Affordable Immortal: How You Can Fund the New Science of Biostasis.” This is to be published in August, 2008 and will be thirty dollars, or free if you are a Hoffman Planning client, available from website rudihoffman.com or by calling 800-749-3773.

B. My collaborator on this book, who is writing the segments on cryonics estate planning, is an attorney practicing in Florida, but who has attorney contacts throughout the country. Her name is Peggy Hoyt, and the website reference is hoytbryan.com. Her business phone is 407-977-8080.

C. I have included a form to enable you to get regular life insurance quotes, cryonics life insurance quotes, and/or estate planning/premium finance quotes. This single sheet can be completed and faxed to 386-322-1979 or scanned and emailed to rudihoffman@aol.com. If it is separated or not available, call me at 800-749-3773 and just let me know what you want to accomplish. It has been my honor to have 83% of the world market share in cryonics life insurance. After 14 years of research, we can now feel reasonably confident that we can structure a solid and realistic and affordable cryonics estate plan for you as well.

D. Good luck to us all in this noble and potentially life saving endeavor! I stand with you, the leaders of the cryonics movement, in this mission to save and enhance individual lives.
REQUEST FOR QUOTE INFORMATION SHEET

NAME __________________________________________

ADDRESS (INSURANCE RATES ARE STATE SPECIFIC)
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PHONE _______________________________________
CONVENIENT TIME TO CALL _______________________
EMAIL ________________________________________

CIRCLE ONE: ALCOR CI UNSURE
CIRCLE ONE: FULL BODY NEUROSUSPENSION UNSURE

DATE OF BIRTH ________________________________

CIRCLE ONE: MALE FEMALE

DO YOU USE TOBACCO OR NICOTINE PRODUCTS?
IF YOU HAVE USED THESE PRODUCTS IN THE PAST, WHEN DID YOU QUIT?
__________________________________________

IN THE PAST 3 YEARS, HAVE YOU TRAVELED OUTSIDE THE US OR DO YOU
HAVE DEFINITE PLANS TO DO SO? WHERE? ________________

DO YOU ENGAGE IN HAZARDOUS SPORTS SUCH AS SKY OR SCUBA DIVING?
__________________________________________

DO YOU HAVE ANY HEALTH CHALLENGES? IF YES, WHAT ARE THEY? AND
ARE YOU CURRENTLY TAKING ANY MEDICATION? WHAT AND WHAT
DOSE? _______________________________________

HEIGHT_____________ WEIGHT___________

BLOOD PRESSURE ___________ CHOLESTEROL ______ (IF YOU DON’T
KNOW THE NUMBERS, IT’S OK -- BUT ARE THEY IN NORMAL RANGES?)

WHAT IS YOUR OCCUPATION? ________________________________

DID EITHER OF YOUR NATURAL PARENTS OR ANY OF YOUR SIBLINGS DIE
OF OR CONTRACT CARDIOVASCULAR DISEASE OR CANCER BEFORE THE
AGE OF 60? ___________________________________________

IS THERE ANYTHING ELSE I SHOULD KNOW?
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