

SECTION 10TRUST INTRODUCTION

If you have not conducted the Foundation examination conduct it at this time.

The one complimentary organizational form that ABC does recommend is the trust. The trust is one of the oldest legal concepts in history. Trusts were formed in England 400 years before the first corporation was formed. The oldest continuous trust on American soil was chartered nine years before the United States declared its independence. This trust is still in operation. We have chosen the trust as the second organization because of its historical stability and because it has all of the desired characteristics which we discussed earlier.

The term "trust" is widely used today to describe a wide variety of legal instruments. You have probably heard the term from insurance men, bankers, real estate brokers, accountants, as well as lawyers. Each of these professions dealing in trusts have one variety or another of trusts, but all of these variations stem from a basic concept which was developed in Germany and which traveled to England with the Norman conquest.

These early English trusts were modeled after the

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