

### HONEY WE CAN CANCEL OUR TRIP TO THE COOK ISLANDS – MICHIGAN HAS AN ASSET PROTECTION TRUST STATUTE!

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### The Law Used to Be...

- Trusts, even irrevocable trusts, did not protect assets from creditor claims
- States see opportunity for \$\$\$





# **Planning Opportunity**

• Enter the Michigan Qualified Dispositions in Trust Act





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## Requirements

- Qualified Trust Agreement
- Qualified Disposition
- Qualified Trustee



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# **Permitted Retained Rights**

- Direct investment decisions
- Veto a distribution
- Appoint the trust assets effective on the death of the transferor



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- Receive income
- Receive principal under a discretionary or support provision
- Remove a trustee and appoint a new trustee



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### **Tax Issues**

- Income taxes
- Gift taxes
- Estate taxes





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