

"Industry News, Helpful Hint, & Upcoming Events" Newsletter

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Trusts & Estates news article of the week:  
**"Estate Planning Lessons from Tony Hsieh's Contested \$500M Will"**



In the article "Estate Planning Lessons From Tony Hsieh's Estate," author Matthew Erskine uses the high-profile legal battle over the late Zappos CEO's \$500 million fortune to illustrate the catastrophic consequences of failing to establish a formal estate plan. Erskine details how Hsieh's lack of a will allowed for the emergence of a highly suspicious, "scrapbook" document—complete with unlocatable witnesses and a punitive no-contest clause—which has since triggered years of costly litigation that drains the estate's value. The author emphasizes that the real danger lies in how easily a lack of preparation can lead to predatory claims and family suffering, ultimately arguing that the cost of proactive legal planning is negligible compared to the massive financial and emotional toll of a contested inheritance..

Read the entire article by clicking [HERE](#).

Helpful hint of the week:  
**"How to enter a warrant ticker symbol into Appraise for pricing."**



A client wanted to price an Occidental Petroleum Corporation [warrant](#) and asked how to enter the Ticker symbol into Appraise. The answer was OXY.WS

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**Last week's Trusts & Estates news article:**  
"Transmitting Family Values Along With Assets"

**Last week's Helpful Hint:**  
"Current version of the Appraise desktop software is 8.1.2"

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**Notes:**  
**Mon, May 25** is the NASDAQ / NYSE Memorial Day holiday. The exchanges, and our office, will be closed. Online services are always available except during scheduled maintenance (see below).

**Avoid sending** portfolios for pricing between Saturday at 8:00 PM and Sunday at 8:00 AM Eastern Time. Intercontinental Exchange (ICE), our data provider, is offline during that time for maintenance.

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