

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

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Trusts & Estates news article of the week:
"The Battle Over Zappos CEO's \$500M Estate"



The recently published New York Times investigative report on the estate of Tony Hsieh, former CEO of online shoe retailer Zappos, revealed how a mysterious, anonymously mailed will, complete with untraceable witnesses and references to trusts no one can locate, has triggered a full probate battle over his \$500 million estate. Tony died in 2020 with no known will, yet this seven-page document, sent from an unknown source years later, now meets Nevada's low threshold for consideration and has forced the court into a full will contest. It's a case that underscores how quickly an estate can unravel when capacity concerns, poor documentation and informal planning collide..

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

Last week's Trusts & Estates news article:

"Tax, Estate Planning Season Appears Less Fraught; Uncertainties Linger"

Last week's Helpful Hint:

"CUSIP numbers starting with "9EQ" will not be recognized or priced"

[Read more HERE](#)

Helpful hint of the week:
"Export to comma delimited file"

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Helpful hint 

We had quite a few queries about our export to comma delimited file capabilities. All of our estate, gift, and trust tax valuations are available in comma delimited format. This is a great option for clients who need to upload the values into a different application.

For any questions, please email us @clientinfo@appraisenj.net

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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