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#### Learning Objectives

#### After attending this live webinar, you will be able to:

- identify the circumstances under which a trust can be terminated early or modified.
- recognize the tasks necessary to implement an early trust termination or modification.
- explain the process for seeking and obtaining court approval for early termination or modification of a trust.
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# Agenda

#### How Can You Modify or Terminate a Trust Early If There Are No Terms in the Trust Authorizing Such Action?

- Applicable Common Law Theories and Uniform Trust Code Sections
- When Is Court Approval Required?
- Who Are the Parties and What Is the Process?

#### Drafting a Trust to Allow Pre-Termination or Modification

- Small Trust Termination
- Early Termination
- Powers of Appointment

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#### When Early Termination or Modification Is Authorized, What Needs to Be Done?

- Notification of Beneficiaries
- Plan of Distribution
- Need for Release or Accounting
  - Tax Compliance

#### Additional Considerations

- Fiduciary Liability
- Dictates of the Original Estate Plan
- Potential Conflicts of Interests
- Tax Concerns
- Interests of Minors, Unborn and Unascertained