

South Dakota trust law - Ranked #1 for 25 reasons

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ONLY STATE WITH A GOVERNOR'S TRUST TASK FORCE

Allows South Dakota trust law to adapt, change and innovate.

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MOST PRIVATE & PUBLIC TRUST COMPANIES

Capitalism rewards the best not the average.

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NO STATE INCOME, CAPITAL GAINS OR ESTATE TAX

Of course, federal tax must still be paid.

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LEADS NATION NUMBER OF BANK ASSETS

Wealthy families and smart banks choose wisely.

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SOUTH DAKOTA HAS MORE ASSETS THAN NEVADA

The boring solutions yield more consistent answers.

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AAA BOND RATING OF SOUTH DAKOTA DEBT

Financial prudence does not come easily.

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SOUTH DAKOTA STATE PENSIONS 90-100%

A rare exception these days.

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DIRECTED TRUST STATUTES

Giving choice and control to advisors, grantors and beneficiaries.

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CONSTITUTIONAL PROHIBITION OF INHERITANCE TAX

Estate tax at the Federal level only.

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**1983 - FIRST TO ENACT RULE
AGAINST PERPETUITIES**

Nice that trusts can last forever.

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**1997 - FIRST TO ENACT TRUST
PROTECTOR STATUTE**

Innovation trend.

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**2011 - FIRST TO AUTHORIZE
SPECIAL PURPOSE ENTITIES TO
SERVE AS ADVISORS**

Creativity is the mother of all great things.

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**2013 - FIRST TO AUTHORIZE
TRUST OWNED CAPTIVE
INSURANCE COMPANY**

A niche solution but valuable nonetheless.

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**2017 - FIRST TO MODERNIZE
VIRTUAL REPRESENTATION**

Leaders never rest on their laurels.

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PRIVACY SEAL - ABSOLUTE AND PERMANENT

Journalists, jaded spouses, & disinherited heirs are not happy.

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20+ YEARS OF ENHANCING & PRESERVING GRANTOR SOVEREIGNTY

Being consistent for focused on wealth creators.

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2 YEAR STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS ON CREDITOR CLAIMS

A balanced approach for asset protection trusts.

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ONE OF TWO STATES ALLOW COURT AWARD ATTORNEY FEES TO ANY PREVAILING PARTY

Litigation attorneys do not like doing business in South Dakota.

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QUIET TRUST STATUTES VERY EFFECTIVE: SDCL 55-2-13

Big effect with a small footprint.

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#1 OR #2 FOR ASSET PROTECTION JURISDICTION

It takes a village to remain #1 or #2 at anything.

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2007 - FIRST ADOPT 3RD PARTY DISCRETIONARY TRUST RULES

Critical for asset protection trusts.

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CONCISE CONFLICT OF LAW AND PUBLIC POLICY STATEMENTS

The law needs guardrails to provide great outcomes.

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SPECIAL SPOUSAL TRUST & COMMUNITY PROPERTY TRUSTS

Innovators consider the needs of all family members.

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DOES NOT HAVE A "TAX TRAP"

True leaders are not passive aggressive.

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STATUTORY PROTECTION FOR ATTORNEYS, TRUSTEES AND OTHERS AROUND DOMESTIC ASSET PROTECTION TRUSTS

Rules that are consistent from A to Z.

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