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WILL		TRUST
No -- Guardianship for your property may be necessary	Incapacity Protection	Yes -- Guardianship unnecessary for assets in your trust.
Finished at signing	Work During Life	Must transfer assets to trust, ownership or beneficiary
No "maintenance" *		Must ensure new assets are covered by the trust
Probate at death <i>Ancillary probates in other states w/ real property</i>	Work After Death	No probate at death <i>No ancillary probates if assets are in trust</i>
Subject to each state's probate rules		Can oversee assets in every state
More administrative work for P.R.		Less administrative work for Trustee
Easier to contest		More difficult to contest
Public record at death	Privacy	Public to beneficiaries; private to others
Notice requirements and duty to keep reasonably informed		Notice requirements and duty to keep reasonably informed
Costs less in the short run	Cost	Costs more in the short run
Costs more in the long run		Costs less in the long run

* We strongly recommend that clients have all estate documents reviewed at least once every four to six years. Laws change and your situation may require different solutions.

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