

THE UNSUNG HERO OF A TRUST:**UNDERSTANDING THE ROLE OF A
PROTECTOR BY LENO TRUST LTD.**

When most people think of a trust, they focus on the settlor, trustee, and beneficiaries. But there's another important player quietly working behind the scenes—the protector. While often overlooked, the protector plays a vital role in modern trust planning, adding an extra layer of oversight and security for settlors and their families.

At Leno Trust Ltd., we believe that education is key to effective estate planning. Here's what you need to know about protectors—and why you might consider appointing one in your trust structure.

WHAT IS A PROTECTOR?

A protector is an individual or corporate entity appointed by the settlor to supervise or advise the trustee and ensure the trust is administered in line with the settlor's intentions. The role can be tailored to the needs of the family and the complexity of the trust.

Common Powers of a Protector May Include:

- Approving or removing trustees
- Vetoing certain distributions
- Amending the trust deed
- Changing the governing law of the trust
- Adding or removing beneficiaries

WHY APPOINT A PROTECTOR?

- **Oversight & Accountability:**
A protector can provide an extra check on trustee decisions, offering peace of mind to the settlor and beneficiaries.
- **Flexibility Over Time:**
As family circumstances, laws, or goals evolve, a protector helps the trust stay aligned with the original intent.
- **Preserving Family Voice:**
Particularly in multi-generational trusts, the protector ensures the settlor's wishes remain respected and that the trust continues to reflect the family's values and intentions over time.

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