Important Deadlines in Trust Administration

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Trustee & Trust Director Deadlines*		
What	When	Details
Accepting & Declining Trusteeship	• No express deadline: 736.0701	Best practice is to affirmatively decline
	• Failure to accept within reasonable time is	or accept in writing or as specified by
	deemed a declination	trust terms
Accepting Trust Directorship	Within 60 days of demand	736.1416(2)
Resignation as Trustee	After 30 days' notice or with court order	736.0705
Notice of Trust	Upon death of settlor of revocable trust (see	Filed with court in county of settlor's
736.05055	733.707(3)) – no express deadline	domicile <u>and</u> court with jurisdiction of settlor's estate
Notice and Information to Qualified Beneficiaries	60 days after acceptance: 736.0813(1)(a)	• Full name/address of trustee
		• Fiduciary attorney/client privilege
	60 days after creation of irrevocable trust <u>or</u> revocable trust becomes irrevocable: 736.0813(1)(b)	Trust's existence
		• Settlor's identity
		• Right to request copy of trust
		Right to accountings
		 Fiduciary attorney/client privilege
	Upon reasonable request by qualified beneficiary: 736.0813(1)(c), (e)	 Complete copy of trust instrument
		 Relevant info re assets/liabilities
		Particulars of administration
	As soon as possible after death of settlor of	
	revocable trust so statute of limitations begins: 736.0604(2)	• Copy of trust instrument
		• Trust's existence
		• Full name/address of trustee
		• Six months to contest trust
Trust Accountings to Qualified Beneficiaries:	At least annually, unless waived	Accounting per 736.08135
	Upon termination of trust, unless waived	
736.0813(1)(d)	Upon change of trustee, unless waived	72(0108(()
Change of Situs	60 days' prior notice to qualified beneficiaries	736.0108(6)
Trust Decanting	60 days' prior notice: 736.04117(8)	Notice does not cut off liability
Combination or division of Trust	Notice required; no time limit: 736.0417	Notice does not cut off liability
Elect Out of Grantor	60 days' prior notice of irrevocable election	736.08145(2)(a)
Trust Tax Reimbursement	to not reimburse grantor for income tax liability	
Contribution for Breach	1 year after final judgment of contribution or	736.1002(4)(c), (d)
of Trust	payment of common liability	
Power to Adjust Income & Principal	60 days' prior notice to eligible beneficiaries	738.104(9)
Conversion to Unitrust	60 days' prior notice or with court order	738.1041(2), (3); 738.1041(8)
	(6 mos. to resolve objections to avoid court action)	
Delegation of Investment	Written notice within 30 days of delegation	518.112(3)
Functions		

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*NOTE: Many trustee deadlines & responsibilities also apply to trust directors. See 736.1416.

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Beneficiary Deadlines		
What	When	Details
Objection to Change of Situs	60 days after notice	736.0108(6)
Objection to Decanting	60 days after notice	736.04117(8)(d)
Objection to Exercise of Power to Adjust	Within 60 days of trustee statement: 738.104(8)	Supermajority of eligible beneficiaries required
Objection to Unitrust Conversion	 Objection within 60 days of notice Court action after 6 months if objections not resolved 	738.1041(8)
Contest Validity of Revocable Trust (trust must be	Six months after 736.0604 notice is sent	Trustee/trust protector must comply with statutory notice requirements for this shortened time to apply
irrevocable, unless action is commenced by guardian: 736.0207; 744.441(1)(k))	(Probably) four years if 736.0604 notice is not provided: 736.0604(1)	 95.11(3) (negligence, fraud, statutory liability) 95.031(when actions accrue) 95.051(when actions are tolled)
Contest Partial or Complete Revocation of Trust	 Partial: only after trust becomes irrevocable Complete: only after settlor's death See 744.441(k) for actions by guardian 	736.0207
Action for Breach of Trust	Six months after receipt of limitation notice or trust disclosure document, whichever is received later: 736.1008(2); see 736.0109(3) for electronic postings	 See 736.1008 for definitions Matters must be adequately disclosed
	Otherwise (probably) four years: 95.11(3), 95.031, 95.051	 No limitation notice Matters not adequately disclosed No disclosure
	Statute of repose: • 10, 20, or 40 yrs	• 10/20/40 yrs based upon beneficiary's knowledge
	• Additional 30 yrs possible 736.1008(6)	• 30 yrs based upon trustee concealment

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