

## **Tips for success in asset searches:**

### All Banks:

In the current social and financial climate, with increasing attempts at Identity Theft, unauthorized access, and other problems, requirements dictate providing considerably more personal information than was previously necessary for account details. In particular, the following information is valuable:

- 1) Marital status/spouse's name
- 2) *Mother's maiden name* and other family information
- 3) Current employment
- 4) Current driver's license information

### Business searches:

In addition to the general information above, and the information already requested on the business search request form, the following may be valuable for you:

- 1) Type of business (corporation, multi-member LLC (partnership), sole-proprietorship
- 2) Date the business was formed or filed.
- 3) Both physical and mailing addresses for the business
- 4) Banking history and/or financial relationships
- 5) All/any known account numbers (even if obsolete)
- 6) Any/all known signors for the business
- 7) Whether the business is still open or is already closed

Be advised: The registered agent for a business, unless that person is also the principal officer of the corporation, or the managing member of a LLC, is usually not the responsible party according to the IRS. To retrieve the FEIN from the IRS, the responsible party must be known.

### Nationwide Banks and/or Brokerage searches:

In addition to the general information above, the following is expected to be necessary for any brokerage, investment, deferral, retirement, trust, wealth-management, or related accounts:

- 1) Verified employment history
- 2) Known bank relationships
- 3) Known financial advisors/teams
- 4) Banking history and/or financial relationships
- 5) Beneficiaries (of trusts, for example), all known familial relationships...
- 6) Known Account Numbers!

We always attempt to locate all of the information above, but withholding any known information in this regard cripples our ability to succeed for you, and can waste a tremendous amount of time just trying to locate/differentiate between open/closed/retired accounts.

There are; unfortunately, many states which do not track or disclose the officers of companies in the Secretary of State's database for that state, and if not disclosed, we will have limited resources to discover that information.

Any and all information you can provide up-front will assist us in being successful for all parties, so please disclose everything known with the initial search request.