

MSBA PROBATE & TRUST LAW SECTION E-NEWSLETTER

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Call for Submissions

We are always looking for attorneys to write brief articles for this newsletter. Articles can focus on any issues relevant to probate and trust law. This newsletter is distributed to the Probate and Trust Law Section membership, which consists of approximately 1,181 practitioners. Writing for the newsletter is a great way to share your knowledge and expertise with your colleagues.

If you are interested in submitting an article, please contact Emma Maddy (emma.maddy@stinson.com) with your idea.

Please visit the Section's website for ideas and to see the various articles that have been written in the past.

Best Regards,
Emma Maddy
Probate & Trust Newsletter Editor

Upcoming Events and CLE Programs

- **Greater MN Probate & Trust Study Group Conference Call**
 - Wednesday, October 18, 2017 at 9 a.m. (the 3rd Wednesday of every month)
 - Call-in Number: (800) 406-9170 passcode: 1491722
 - Contact Patrick Lowther (pat@lawmanpal.com) with any questions or to join the group.
- **MSBA Probate & Trust Law Section Meeting**
 - *October 12, 2017* at 3:30pm
 - Location: *HCBA* Office in City Center, Minneapolis
- **CLEs**
 - MSBA, October 27, 2017: [Financial Exploitation and Elder Abuse: Mom says she's "Fine" but the Stash of Money in her Coffee can is Gone](#)
 - November 15, 2017: E-Filing
 - RCBA, October 12, 2017: [Beneficiary Designations: Uses and Abuses](#)
 - November 9, 2017: [Family Mediation as an Alternative to Litigation for the Elderly and Disabled](#)

Tech Tip

How to keep cell reference the same in Microsoft Excel

By: Richard Baum, Technology Committee Chair, Probate and Trust Section=]

The Problem

In Microsoft Excel you have a number in one cell that you want multiple cells to use for a calculation. Just copying and pasting the calculation across a number of cells will not help, however, because the cell number reference gets changed across multiple rows. This is because Excel defaults to what's called a "relative reference" when pasting a formula.

The Solution

To make the cell reference absolute (or sticky if you prefer), you will need to tell Excel that is what you want to do. There is a feature within Excel that is called "Switch Reference." Within Excel on a PC it is the F4 key and on a Mac it is Command+T.

Here's how you can change the reference:

1. After you enter the cell reference that you want to be sticky, use the Switch Reference command your operating system recognizes (F4 or Command + T). You should now see two dollar signs inserted ("B3" has been changed to "\$B3\$").

Year	Principal Balance	Interest Charge
2012	\$ 5,000.00	=B3
2013	\$ 3,700.00	\$ -
2014	\$ 3,800.00	\$ -
2015	\$ 4,100.00	\$ -
2016	\$ 4,500.00	\$ -

2. Finish entering the rest of your formula and exit the cell.
3. Now you can copy and paste your formula throughout multiple cells and have the B3 reference remain in all cells. This view shows how the references will appear:

Year	Principal Balance	Interest Charge
2012	5000	=B3\$B7
2013	3700	=B3\$B8
2014	3800	=B3\$B9
2015	4100	=B3\$B10
2016	4500	=B3\$B11

You can also change a cell reference to absolute after you have entered and/or pasted formulas. Go to the cell that contains the formula, place your cursor next to the cell you want to be sticky and use the Switch Reference command for your operating system (F4 or Command+T).

Here are other variations on this feature, as noted by Microsoft:

[PC Switch Reference](#)

[Mac Switch Reference](#)

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