



NFA Trust Explained

A "gun trust" is a legal trust that is used in the United States to register NFA firearms with the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives. The ownership of NFA firearms is heavily regulated in the United States, and a gun trust is used to eliminate some of the red tape to acquire NFA firearms. Except for responsible parties, use of a gun trust to apply to the ATF to manufacture or transfer a NFA firearm avoids the necessity of attaching a fingerprint sample, passport-style photograph, and a signature of the Chief Law Enforcement Officer (CLEO) in the applicant's area that approves the applicant's ownership of a NFA firearm, as would be required of an application submitted by an individual rather than a gun trust.



A gun trust is a trust that is drafted specifically to hold guns. Gun trusts were created and are predominantly used for the acquisition and ownership of NFA Firearms, which include: Silencers, Fully Automatic Guns, Short-Barreled Rifles, and Short-Barreled Shotguns (SBS)). The ownership of NFA Firearms is legal in most states, but is heavily regulated by the United States Federal Government. A gun trust is an estate planning tool that is specialized toward acquiring and transferring National Firearms Act regulated items. The rise in the popularity of the gun trust has led to an increase in the submission of applications to manufacture or transfer an NFA item.

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Advantages of a NFA Trust

- Local Sheriff or Chief Law Enforcement Officer (CLEO) Sign Off Not Required
- Continuity of Ownership
- Continuity, Scope, and Mutuality of Class 3 Weapon Possession
- Confidentiality
- No additional Filing Fees
- Protection
- Speed of Registration
- Ensure Your Property is Protected in a Manner you Choose
- Allow More Than One Person to Possess and Use the Weapons Held in Trust.
- Keep the Gun in the Trust Even After the Current Owner's Death, Avoiding the Usual Transfer Requirements.

Types of Weapons Held in NFA Trust



The most effective NFA Trust is one created by a gun trust lawyer specifically for an individuals unique circumstances, one created specifically for the acquisition and ownership of NFA weapons, and one that is a general living trust that is not specifically catered towards NFA weapons but is capable of use for the acquisition of ownership of NFA firearms. A gun trust drafted by a lawyer that is specialized in estate planning and an expert in gun laws that is drafted specifically for each individual's circumstances will offer the most protection.



SILENCERS	MACHINE GUNS *PRE 1986	SHORT-BARRELED RIFLES
SHORT-BARRELED SHOTGUNS	GRENADES	DESTRUCTIVE DEVICES
SEMI-AUTOMATIC SHOTGUNS	CERTAIN GRENADES	CERTAIN ROCKETS
CERTAIN EXPLOSIVES	CERTAIN SELF-MADE WEAPONS	ANY OTHER WEAPONS (AOW)