

**§1008. Exculpation of trustee**

**1. Exculpation unenforceable.** A term of a trust relieving a trustee of liability for breach of trust is unenforceable to the extent that it:

A. Relieves the trustee of liability for breach of trust committed in bad faith or with reckless indifference to the purposes of the trust or the interests of the beneficiaries; or [PL 2003, c. 618, Pt. A, §1 (NEW); PL 2003, c. 618, Pt. A, §2 (AFF).]

B. Was inserted as the result of an abuse by the trustee of a fiduciary or confidential relationship to the settlor. [PL 2003, c. 618, Pt. A, §1 (NEW); PL 2003, c. 618, Pt. A, §2 (AFF).]  
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**2. Invalid; proof otherwise.** An exculpatory term drafted or caused to be drafted by the trustee is invalid as an abuse of a fiduciary or confidential relationship unless the trustee proves that the exculpatory term is fair under the circumstances and that its existence and contents were adequately communicated to the settlor.  
[PL 2003, c. 618, Pt. A, §1 (NEW); PL 2003, c. 618, Pt. A, §2 (AFF).]

**SECTION HISTORY**

PL 2003, c. 618, §A1 (NEW). PL 2003, c. 618, §A2 (AFF).

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