

Saints' owners family feud includes Tahoe house

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The co-receivers in Texas who temporarily replaced Tom Benson in controlling some of the feuding family's assets are asking a judge to approve several payments, including a \$109,000 renovation on a house in Lake Tahoe.

A Bexar County probate judge earlier this year appointed former San Antonio Mayor Phil Hardberger and estate lawyer Art Bayern as co-receivers over the Shirley Benson estate trust, replacing Saints and Pelicans owner Tom Benson as trustee.

The trust, formed after Benson's first wife died in 1980, holds interests in real estate, Lone Star Capital Bank and auto dealerships.

The 87-year-old's daughter, Renee Benson, is seeking to have her father permanently removed as trustee, one of several legal conflicts playing out in Texas and Louisiana courts over the billionaire's amassed wealth.

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