

**ESTATES AND PROTECTED INDIVIDUALS CODE (EXCERPT)**  
**Act 386 of 1998**

**700.1503 Portfolio strategy; risk and return objectives.**

Sec. 1503. (1) A fiduciary's investment and management decisions with respect to individual assets shall be evaluated not in isolation, but rather in the context of the fiduciary estate portfolio as a whole and as a part of an overall investment strategy having risk and return objectives reasonably suited to the fiduciary estate.

(2) Among circumstances that a fiduciary must consider in investing and managing fiduciary assets are all of the following that are relevant to the fiduciary estate or its beneficiaries:

- (a) General economic conditions.
- (b) The possible effect of inflation or deflation.
- (c) The expected tax consequences of an investment decision or strategy.
- (d) The role that each investment or course of action plays within the overall portfolio, which may include financial assets, interests in closely-held enterprises, tangible and intangible personal property, and real property.
- (e) The expected total return from income and the appreciation of capital.
- (f) Other resources of the beneficiaries.
- (g) The need for liquidity, regularity of income, and preservation or appreciation of capital.
- (h) An asset's special relationship or special value, if any, to the purposes of the fiduciary estate or to 1 or more of the beneficiaries.

(3) A fiduciary shall make a reasonable effort to verify facts relevant to the investment and management of fiduciary assets.

(4) A fiduciary may invest in any kind of property or type of investment consistent with the standards of the Michigan prudent investor rule. A particular investment is not inherently prudent or imprudent.

(5) A fiduciary who has special skill or expertise, or is named fiduciary in reliance upon the fiduciary's representation that the fiduciary has special skill or expertise, has a duty to use that special skill or expertise.

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