

Wealth Web Updates 2026 Cook Islands and Nevis Trust Guides

U.S.-focused resources compare proactive asset protection, offshore company options, formation steps and federal reporting considerations.

RAROTONGA, COOK ISLANDS, August 12, 2026 /EINPresswire.com/ -- Wealth Web today announced refreshed 2026 educational resources for U.S. business owners, professionals, real estate investors and globally mobile families evaluating proactive offshore asset-protection planning. The guidance compares two established trust jurisdictions and explains when a separate company may serve as an asset-holding and administrative layer.



Wealth Web coordinates offshore trusts, companies, banking and related asset-protection services across more than 25 jurisdictions.

The update arrives as the Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts reports that civil case filings in U.S. district courts increased 4.4% to 303,563 in 2025. At the same time, current IRS guidance continues to require U.S. persons to report certain foreign-trust creation, ownership, transfers and distributions. Wealth Web's materials are designed to make both the potential uses and the compliance boundaries easier to understand before a client engages a licensed trustee, attorney or tax adviser.

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We are committed not only to protecting and growing wealth but also to pushing the offshore industry to evolve by embracing innovation and raising standards.”

*John Evans, Founder and CEO,
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What the 2026 update covers

- The importance of planning and funding a structure before a specific claim, dispute or enforcement threat is foreseeable.
- The role of an independent, licensed trustee and why genuine trustee discretion matters.

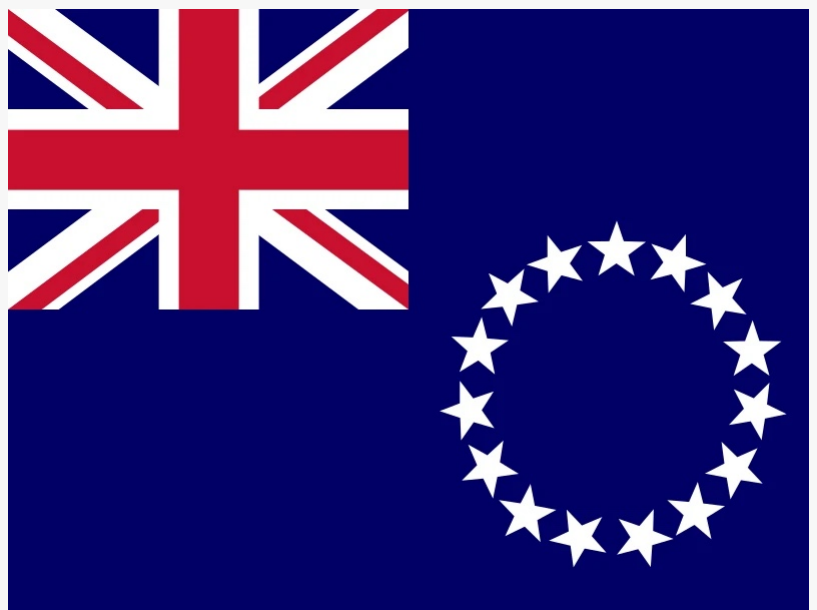
- Differences in creditor procedure, claim periods, evidence standards and foreign-judgment treatment.
- How an underlying company may simplify ownership of approved bank, brokerage, investment or business assets.
- U.S. tax and information-reporting considerations, including potential Forms 3520 and 3520-A obligations.

The refreshed [Cook Islands Trust guide](#) explains how a licensed local trustee administers selected assets under the International Trusts Act 1984. A foreign judgment does not automatically bind the trustee, and specific one- and two-year statutory limits can apply to qualifying claims. The resource also discusses protector powers, trustee independence, lawful funding and the practical use of a trust-owned company.

The companion [Nevis Trust guide](#) describes the jurisdiction's two-year limitation framework and its stated US\$100,000 bond requirement for a creditor bringing a trust challenge. It also explains why proximity to the United States and the option of combining a trust with a Nevis LLC may appeal to some U.S. clients. Outcomes in either jurisdiction depend on the deed, transfer history, timing, retained powers and applicable law.

A separate overview of [offshore company formation options](#) shows how a company can provide an operational holding layer for approved investments, bank accounts, business interests or intellectual property. A company is not a substitute for a properly administered trust, and each entity brings its own ownership, accounting, tax, banking and reporting requirements.

Wealth Web lists standalone Cook Islands and Nevis trust formation from US\$10,000, subject to



The Cook Islands is a core Wealth Web jurisdiction for proactive offshore trust and asset-protection planning.



Nevis is a core Wealth Web jurisdiction for offshore trust, company and long-term asset-protection planning.

trustee acceptance, due diligence and final engagement terms. Its Cook Islands resource gives a typical formation estimate of three to eight weeks and describes optional packages that add a company and coordinated bank-account support. Exact timing and third-party costs vary with the client, assets and documentation.

For U.S. persons, offshore does not mean unreported. The IRS states that creation of a foreign trust by a U.S. person, transfers to it, U.S. ownership and certain distributions can be reportable. Depending on the structure, separate foreign-account, corporate or specified-asset filings may also apply. Wealth Web recommends obtaining qualified U.S. legal and tax advice before formation or funding.

Founded by John Evans and Connor Steens, Wealth Web is based in Rarotonga, Cook Islands. Wealth Web coordinates complete offshore structures for individuals, families, entrepreneurs and professional advisers across more than 25 jurisdictions. Services include offshore trusts for asset protection, estate planning and succession; international companies for trading, investment holding and liability separation; private foundations for legacy and family governance; multi-currency banking and brokerage introductions; allocated precious-metals acquisition and secure vaulting; and lawful equity-protection strategies for real estate. The firm manages due diligence, provider selection, applications, document preparation, formation and ongoing provider communication through a single point of contact, with fixed, stated fees where available.

The updated resources are available at wealthweb.net. U.S. clients and advisers can request a confidential consultation to compare objectives, assets, timing, governance and reporting needs before deciding whether an offshore structure is appropriate.

This material is general information only and is not legal, tax or investment advice. No structure can guarantee protection from a claim, and transfers intended to defeat existing creditors may be challenged.

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