

51A Middle Street, Newburyport, MA 01950 Phone: 800-588-7039

contact@bhfe.com www.bhfe.com

Course Information

Course Title: Divorce Transfers and Settlements #492424

Recommended CPE credit hours for this course

In accordance with the standards of the CFP Board, the National Registry of CPE Sponsors, the IDFA, and the IRS, CPE credits have been granted based on a 50-minute hour.

CFP[®] **2** CFP Board sponsor number: 1008.

CPA 2 (Accepted in all states)

National Registry of CPE Sponsors ID Number: 107615.

Sponsor numbers for states requiring sponsor registration:

Florida Division of Certified Public Accountancy: 0004761 (Ethics

#0011467)

Hawaii Board of Public Accountancy: 14003

New York State Board of Accountancy (for ethics): 002146

Ohio State Board of Accountancy: CPE .51 PSR Pennsylvania Board of Accountancy: PX 178025 Texas State Board of Accountancy: 009349

EA/OTRP: 2 (All States) IRS: Qualified Sponsor number: *FWKKO*.

CDFA[®]: **2** (Certified Divorce Financial Analyst) IDFA sponsor #105392.

Course Description

Participants will learn how to apply, implement, and evaluate the strategic tax aspects of marital dissolutions and living together arrangements. Current perspectives on property transfers and asset divisions are examined with an emphasis on planning considerations. This mini-course reviews property settlements and other transfers incident to divorce. Basis allocation, third party transfers and purchases between spouses are also examined. Common pitfalls for the unwary such as transfers in trust, installment notes, and purchases between spouses are analyzed. Application of these tax principles is exampled in selected asset divisions of the residence, business interests, insurance, and pension benefits.

Course Content

Publication/Revision Date: 1/29/2024.

Author: Danny Santuccci, J.D.

Final exam (online): Ten questions (multiple-choice).

Program Delivery Method: Self-Study (NASBA QAS Self-Study/interactive)

Subject Codes/Field of Study

NASBA (CPA), CFP Board of Standards, Inc., IDFA (CDFA®): Taxes.

IRS (EA, OTRP): Federal Tax Law.

NAPFA: Taxes

Course Level, Prerequisites, and Advance Preparation Requirements

Program Level: CFP Board: Intermediate; NASBA/CPA, IRS, IDFA (CDFA®): Overview.

This program is appropriate for professionals at all organizational levels.

Prerequisites: Basic familiarity with federal taxation

Advance Preparation: None

Instructions for Taking This Course

Log in to your secure account at www.bhfe.com. Go to "My Account."

- You must complete this course within one year of purchase (If the course is "Expired," contact us and we will add the latest edition of the course to your account (no charge).
- To retain the course-PDF after completion (for future reference) and to enable enhanced navigation: From "My Account," Download and save the course-PDF to your computer. This will enable the search function (Menu: Edit>Find) and bookmarks (icon on left side of document window).
- Complete the course by following the learning objectives listed for the course, studying the text, and, if included, studying the review questions at the end of each major section (or at the end of the course).
- Once you have completed studying the course and you are confident that the learning objectives have been met, answer the final exam questions (online).

Instructions for Taking the Online Exam

- Log in to your secure account at www.bhfe.com. Go to "My Account."
- A passing grade of at least **70%** is required on the exam for this course.
- You will have three attempts to pass the exam (call or email us after three unsuccessful attempts for instructions).
- The exam is not timed, and it does not need to be completed in one session.
- For a printed copy of the exam questions, open the exam and press "Print Exam."
- Once you pass the exam, the results (correct/incorrect answers) and certificate of completion appear in "My Account." A confirmation email is also sent.
- CFP Board and IRS credit hours, if applicable, are reported on Tuesdays and at the end of the month.

Have a question? Call us at 800-588-7039 or email us at contact@bhfe.com.

Learning Assignment & Objectives

As a result of studying the assigned materials, you should be able to meet the objectives listed below.

ASSIGNMENT

At the start of the materials, participants should identify the following topics for study:

- * Property rights
- * Premarital agreements
- * Application of §1031
- * Incident to divorce
- * Property basis
- * Purchases of residence between spouses
- * Purchases of business interests between spouses
- * Selected asset divisions of residence & business interests
- * Real & personal property
- * Pension benefits

Learning Objectives

After reading the materials, participants will be able to:

- **1.** Identify the various forms of marital property and how to proceed with a tax structured property settlement stating the benefits of premarital agreements to avoid potential divorce problems.
- 2. Recognize property settlements under §1041 by:
 - a. identifying its application to interspousal and third party transfers,
 - **b.** specifying the factors that determine whether or not a property transfer is incident to divorce under §1041,
 - ${f c.}$ determining property basis for the transferor and transferee spouse under §1041.
- 3. Identify remedies for the deferred tax pitfall of §1041 by:
 - a. determining deferred tax liability of interspousal purchases,
 - b. recognizing the tax deferral of §1031 exchanges,
 - **c.** specifying the key elements of the home sale exclusion and stating their application;
 - d. recognizing benefit distribution problems and the tax advantages of QDROs.

Notice

This course and test have been adapted from materials and information contained in the above text and any supplemental material provided. This course is sold with the understanding that the publisher is not engaged in rendering legal, accounting, or other professional advice and assumes no liability whatsoever in connection with its use. Since laws are constantly changing, and are subject to differing interpretations, we urge you to do additional research and consult appropriate experts before relying on the information contained in this course to render professional advice.



Divorce Transfers & Settlements

By Danny C. Santucci

The author is not engaged by this text, any accompanying electronic media, or lecture in the rendering of legal, tax, accounting, or similar professional services. While the legal, tax, and accounting issues discussed in this material have been reviewed with sources believed to be reliable, concepts discussed can be affected by changes in the law or in the interpretation of such laws since this text was printed. For that reason, the accuracy and completeness of this information and the author's opinions based thereon cannot be guaranteed. In addition, state or local tax laws and procedural rules may have a material impact on the general discussion. As a result, the strategies suggested may not be suitable for every individual. Before taking any action, all references and citations should be checked and updated accordingly.

This publication is designed to provide accurate and authoritative information in regard to the subject matter covered. It is sold with the understanding that the publisher is not engaged in rendering legal, accounting, or other professional service. If legal advice or other expert advice is required, the services of a competent professional person should be sought.

—From a Declaration of Principles jointly adopted by a committee of the American Bar Association and a Committee of Publishers and Associations.

Copyright January 2024
Danny Santucci

Table of Contents

Property Rights	
Marital Property	1
Common Law Property	1
Community Property	2
Equitable Distribution	2
Separate Property	2
Premarital Agreements	3
Uses & Benefits	3
Control & Scope	4
Limitations	4
Retirement Equity Act of 1984	5
Enforceability Requirements	5
Checklist	6
Property Settlements	8
Section 1041	8
Application of §1041	9
U.S. vs. Foreign Spouse	9
Mandatory Scope	10
Property vs. Income	10
Unpaid Income	11
Savings Bonds	11
Receivables	12
Interest	12
Imputed Interest	12
Transfers to a Former Spouse Incident to Divorce	13
Related To Termination	13
Rebuttable Presumption	14
Divorce or Separation Instrument	
Transfers in Trust	
Third Party Transfers	15
Property Basis	16
Gift Variation	17
Passive Activity Loss Property	17
Property Transferred In Trust	18
Basis in U.S. Savings Bonds	
Negotiated Property Divisions	
Adjudicated Property Divisions	18
Caselaw	
General Rule - Immediate & Specific	19
Liabilities	
Holding Period	
Notice & Recordkeeping	
Purchases between Spouses	
Residence	
Home Mortgage Interest	
Deferral & Exclusion of Gain	22

Business & Investment Property	
Recapture	23
Section 1031 Exchange	25
Asset Separation	26
Related Parties	26
Two-Year Restriction	27
Foreign Property	27
Form 8824	
Spousal Transfers	27
Installment Sale of Assets	27
Selected Asset Divisions	
Residence	28
Section 121 Home Sales	
Two-Year Ownership & Use Requirements	
Special Divorce Rules	
Prorata Exception	
Limitations on Exclusion	
Installment Obligations	
Business Interests	
Corporate Stock	
Section 302 Stock Redemption	
Recapitalization	
Partnerships	
Section 736(a) Payments	
Effect on Recipient	
Section 736(b) Payments	
Effect	
Exclusions From §736(b) Treatment	
Liabilities	
Series of Payments	
Section 754 Election	
Insurance Policies	
Real & Personal Property	
Classification of Assets	
Character of Gain or Loss.	
Pension Benefits	
Qualified Domestic Relations Order	
Taxation of Distributions	
Deferred v. Present Division of Benefits	
Deferred Division Arguments	
Present Division or Alternate Property Arguments	
Individual Retirement Arrangements	
IRA Deduction Limit	
Rollovers	
Divorce Distributions	
Amounts Not Rolled Over	
Retirement Planning After Divorce	
Social Security Benefits	
Divorced Spouse Benefits	
Divorced Widow(er) Benefits	
Military Pensions	
1v1111tal y 1 Clistons	44

Divorced Spouse Benefits	44
Jurisdiction Requirement	45
Disposable Pay	45
Direct Payment	46
Divorced Widow(er) Benefits	
Social Security Offset	
Civil Service Pensions	
Divorced Spouse Benefit	47
Divorced Widow(er) Benefit	48
Railroad Pensions	49
Divorced Spouse Benefit	49
Divorced Widow(er) Benefit	50
Bankruptcy	50