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Course Description

Estate planning is when tomorrow becomes today! As a result of recent legislation, estate planning has been made surprisingly simple. This mini-course surveys wills, living trusts, gifts, insurance, marital property and probate avoidance. The will and trust forms are explored along with living wills, durable powers of attorney and nominations of conservator.

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

Subject Codes/Field of Study

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

IRS (EA, OTRP): Federal Tax Law.

NAPFA: Taxes

Course Level, Prerequisites, and Advance Preparation Requirements

Program Level: CFP Board: Intermediate; NASBA/CPA, IRS: Overview.

This program is appropriate for professionals at all organizational levels.

Prerequisites: Basic familiarity with federal taxation

Advance Preparation: None

Course Content

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

Instructions for taking this course

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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:

- * Estate planning team & administration
- * Unlimited marital deduction & applicable exclusion amount
- * Primary dispositive plans
- * Trusts
- * Annual gift tax exclusion
- * Annuities & installment sales to family members
- * Charitable remainder trusts
- * Family limited partnerships
- * Buy-sell agreements
- * Family documents

Learning Objectives

After reading the materials, participants will be able to:

1. Recognize members of the estate planning team including their role in the estate administration process, specify the unlimited marital deduction requirements, cite the applicable exclusion amount and identify the effects of stepped-up basis particularly, the repealed of modified carryover basis.
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3. Identify specialized estate planning tools and how they permit clients to pass more wealth and save death taxes, cite the uses of a durable power of attorney, and specify instances when a conservatorship is appropriate.

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Preamble

“A Snapshot in Time”

To the amazement of many estate planning professionals, for most of 2010, the United States had no federal estate tax or generation-skipping transfer tax. A “modified carryover basis” regime was implemented to generally deny a step-up in the basis of appreciated assets at death. The federal gift tax remained in place with a \$1 million exemption and a 35% maximum rate. However, this situation did not last.

On December 16, 2010, the Tax Relief, Unemployment Insurance Reauthorization, and Job Creation Act of 2010 (“TRUIRJCA”) was passed by Congress, and later signed by the President on December 17, 2010. TRUIRJCA reinstated the estate and generation-skipping transfer taxes effective for decedents dying and transfers made after December 31, 2009. The estate tax applicable exclusion amount was \$5 million in 2011 under TRUIRJCA and was indexed for inflation for decedents dying in calendar years after 2011, and the maximum estate tax rate was 35 percent. For gifts made in 2010, the applicable exclusion amount for gift tax purposes was \$1 million, and the gift tax rate was 35%. For gifts made after December 31, 2010, the gift tax was reunified with the estate tax, with the same applicable exclusion amount and the top estate and gift tax rate was 35%. However, in the case of a decedent who died during 2010, TRUIRJCA allowed the executor of such decedent's estate to elect to apply the Internal Revenue Code as if the new estate tax and basis step-up rules had not been enacted.

In 2013, the American Tax Relief Act (“ATRA”) permanently increased the top estate, gift, and GST rate from 35% to 40% for transfers over the applicable exemption (or exclusion) amount. ATRA kept the exemption at \$5,000,000 as indexed for inflation since 2011. The TCJA has recently doubled the exemption and it was \$11,400,000 for 2019.

Planning for these and other changes are still unsettled. As a result, the student is warned that my observations, comments, and the following text are preliminary and will undoubtedly be refined later.

Good Luck!

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