

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

contact@bhfe.com www.bhfe.com

#### **Course Information**

Course Title: Divorce Transfers and Settlements

#492425

#### 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**<sup>®</sup> **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: 1/13/2025.

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**

- 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

- Go to "My Account" and locate this course in your Active Courses list.
- Click "View Course," then "Course Exam," then "Open Exam." (You can print the exam questions for reference purposes using the "Print Exam Questions" link.)
- 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.
- 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.
- **2.** Identify the tax impact of property divisions and the importance of complying with §1041.
- **3.** Determining the deferred tax liability of interspousal purchases and later dispositions, recognize the tax deferral of §1031 exchanges, and identify the 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 2025 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	
Retirement Equity Act of 1984	5
Enforceability Requirements	
Checklist	
Property Settlements	
Section 1041	8
Application of §1041	9
U.S. vs. Foreign Spouse	
Mandatory Scope	
Property vs. Income	
Unpaid Income	
Savings Bonds	11
Receivables	12
Interest	12
Imputed Interest	
Transfers to a Former Spouse Incident to Divorce	
Related To Termination	
Rebuttable Presumption	
Divorce or Separation Instrument	
Transfers in Trust	
Third Party Transfers	
Property Basis	
Gift Variation	
Passive Activity Loss Property	
Property Transferred In Trust	
Basis in U.S. Savings Bonds	
Negotiated Property Divisions	
Adjudicated Property Divisions	
Caselaw	
General Rule - Immediate & Specific	19
Liabilities	
Holding Period	
Notice & Recordkeeping	
Purchases between Spouses	
Residence	
Home Mortgage Interest	
Deferral & Exclusion of Gain	
	_

Business & Investment Property	23
Recapture	23
Section 1031 Exchange	
Asset Separation	
Related Parties	26
Two-Year Restriction	27
Foreign Property	27
Form 8824	27
Spousal Transfers	27
Installment Sale of Assets	27
Selected Asset Divisions	28
Residence	28
Section 121 Home Sales	28
Two-Year Ownership & Use Requirements	29
Special Divorce Rules	29
Prorata Exception	29
Limitations on Exclusion	30
Installment Obligations	30
Business Interests	31
Corporate Stock	31
Section 302 Stock Redemption	32
Recapitalization	32
Partnerships	33
Section 736(a) Payments	33
Effect on Recipient	33
Section 736(b) Payments	33
Effect	33
Exclusions From §736(b) Treatment	34
Liabilities	34
Series of Payments	35
Section 754 Election	35
Insurance Policies	35
Real & Personal Property	36
Classification of Assets	36
Character of Gain or Loss	36
Pension Benefits	37
Qualified Domestic Relations Order	37
Taxation of Distributions	39
Deferred v. Present Division of Benefits	39
Deferred Division Arguments	39
Present Division or Alternate Property Arguments	40
Individual Retirement Arrangements	41
IRA Deduction Limit	
Rollovers	42
Divorce Distributions	42
Amounts Not Rolled Over	
Retirement Planning After Divorce	42
Social Security Benefits	43
Divorced Spouse Benefits	
Divorced Widow(er) Benefits	44
Military Pensions	44

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