

HOW TO DEAL WITH INCOME AND ESTATE TAX TIMEBOMBS

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Objectives of Presentation

- **Review Selected Recent Federal Law changes on the Income Tax Front**
- **Review Current Federal Estate Tax Rules**
- **Review Estate Tax Legislative Proposals**
- **Review State Estate Tax Issues**
- **Popular Techniques Used in Estate Planning**
- **Questions**



Selected Business Developments

Expanded Section 179 Expensing

- **Section 179 limit to \$250,000, effective for tax years beginning in 2009, 2009 and 2010**
- **Asset Addition phase-out range: \$800,000 - \$1,050,000**
- **Caution: State nonconformity**

Expanded Section 179 Expensing

2010 Small Business Tax Bill:

- **Expands expensing deduction to \$500,000 for tax years beginning in 2010 and 2011**
- **Asset addition phase-out range to \$2 million**
- **Specified 15 year real estate improvements eligible (leasehold improvements, restaurant buildings, and retail improvements) – 2010 and 2011 only**

2010 Small Business Tax Act

- **50% bonus depreciation restored for property placed in service in 2010 (new; \leq 20 year life)**
- **5 year carry-back (not 1 year) for 2010 excess small business tax credits (average gross \leq \$50M) and no AMT limit**
- **S corporation built-in gains period to 5 years for 2011**
- **SE tax reduced by health insurance for 2010**

2010 Small Business Act

- **Failure to file 1099 penalties increased (\$15 to \$30, \$30 to \$60, and \$50 to \$100) effective for 2010 information returns**
- **Employer-funded 401(k) share may be rolled to Roth account within the plan, effective after enactment**
- **Portion of annuity or life insurance contract may be annualized for 10 years +, effective in 2011**



Health Care Legislation: 2011 and Beyond

Health Care Legislation

- **Enacted in a series of bills over last week of March, 2010**
- **Coverage of selected tax-related provision**

W-2 Disclosure of Health Coverage Cost

- **Effective for 2011, W-2 must disclose cost of employer-provided health benefits**
 - **Includes medical insurance, dental and vision plans, and self-insured arrangements**
 - **No reporting for employee salary-reduction FSAs or employer HSA funding**
 - **Does NOT change tax-free status of employer health benefits!**
 - **IRC Sec. 6051(a)(14)**
 - **IRS announced delay- not effective until 2012 W-2s**

Expanded 1099 Reporting

- **Effective for payments in 2012 and after, a business must issue a 1099 for any payment for property over \$600**
 - **Previously, only services, interest, etc.**
- **Also, a 1099 must be issued to any corporation, but not to a tax-exempt, for any property or services over \$600**
 - **IRC Sec. 46041(a) and (h)**
 - **Ag Business must comply with this reporting rule for all payments to others for products and services including fuel, seed, supplies and fertilizer etc.**

Increased Medicare Tax on Earned Income

- **Present employee FICA payroll tax: 6.2% OASDI on first \$106,800; 1.45% Medicare on all earnings**
- **Effective in 2013, Medicare tax up .9% to 2.35% on higher income earners [IRC Sec.3101(b)(2)]:**
 - **Single earned income over \$200,000**
 - **Joint earned income over \$250,000**
 - **Assessed on employee share only, but employer withholds**
 - **If withholding inadequate, remit in 1040**
 - **Applies to Schedule F and Farm Partnership SE Income**

Medicare Surtax on Unearned Income

- **New 3.8% Medicare surtax on unearned income also effective in 2013 [IRC Sec. 1411(a)]**
- **Lesser of:**
 - **Net investment income, or**
 - **Excess of MAGI > \$200,000 (MFJ: \$250,000)**
- **Example: W-2s for (H) & (W) = \$280,000 with \$20,000 of interest income**
 - **RESULT: $3.8\% \times \$20,000 = \760**
 - **VARIATION: W-2s of \$240,000 results in a surtax of $3.8\% \times \$10,000 = \380**

Medicare Surtax on Unearned Income

- **Net investment income**
 - **Interest, dividends, annuities, royalties, rents**
 - But not tax-exempt interest income
 - **Passive business income (no Material participation by taxpayer)**
 - **Trading in financial instruments or commodities**
 - **Capital gains and other property disposition gains**
 - Not gain on sale of an active business
 - Not excludable gain (e.g. principal residence)

Medicare Surtax on Unearned Income

- **Exceptions to investment income:**
 - **Active business income, including working capital interest**
 - **IRA and retirement plan withdrawals**
 - **All SE income (even if from a passive activity)**
 - **Tax-exempt income**
- **Estates and trusts also subject**
 - **Limited to excess inv. Income over top rate threshold**
 - **Subtraction allowed for distributions to beneficiaries**

Big-picture Outlook: High-income TPs

- **Impacted by other tax law changes and possible modifications to Health reform Act itself**
 - **Need to look beyond Medicare tax hikes alone**
 - **Green Book proposal (President's budget)**
 - **35% top rate to 39% in 2011**
 - **Return of exemption and Schedule A phase-outs (+2%)**
 - **Higher dividend and capital gain rates**
 - **2010 Senate Budget Committee Resolution: Dividends as ordinary income for higher income taxpayers**

Big-picture Outlook: High-income TPs

- Probable result in 2011 is top rate of 42%
 - Same group targeted to fund health expansion (> \$200K single and \$250K joint)
- Take coordinated approach to rate hikes

	<u>2010</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>2013</u>
Salaries	36%	43%	44%
SE income	38%	45%	46%
Ordinary investment income	35%	42%	46%
Ordinary business income	35%	42%	42%
Capital gains	15%	20%	24%

Comparison of Individual Income Tax Rates

<u>Pre EGTRRA</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>EGTRRA Sunset 2011</u>	<u>Obama Proposed 2011</u>
10.0%	10%	-	10.0%
15.0%	15%	15.0%	15.0%
28.0%	25%	28.0%	25.0%
31.0%	28%	31.0%	28.0%
36.0%	33%	36.0%	36.0%
39.6% (\$297,350)	35% (\$373,000)	39.6%	39.6%
			(\$200 Single \$250 Married)

- Change in where top rate applies
- Qualifying dividends tax rate 15%
 - What happens here?
- Long term capital gains tax rate 15%
 - 20% or ?
- Pre EGTRRA tax brackets will continue to reflect inflation adjustments
- Proposal to limit tax benefits of itemized deductions to 28% tax rate.
- Lame Duck Congress: Extend 2010 rates to 2011-2012 due to recession.

Estate Tax Update

Federal Estate, Gift & GST Sunsets

Year-by-Year Summary of the Changes Made by ENGTTRA												
	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011 on	
Estate Tax												
Exclusion	\$675,000	\$1 million	\$1.5 million		\$2 million		\$3.5 mil		<i>Not applicable. Replaced with carryover basis:</i>			
Lowest Rate	37%	41%	45%		46%	45%		\$1 million				
Top Rate	55%	50%	49%	48%				47%			41%	
5% Bubble	Yes	No									55%	
QFOBI	Yes			No								Yes
State Tax Credit	100%	75%	50%	25%	None: State taxes are deductible.						Yes	
GST Tax												
Exemption	\$1.06 mil	\$1.1 mil	\$1.2 mil	\$1.5 million		\$2 million		\$3.5 mil		<i>Not applicable. Replaced with carryover basis:</i>		
Rate	55%	50%	49%	48%	47%	46%	45%		About \$1.34 mil *			
Gift Tax												
Exclusion	\$675,000	\$1 million										
Lowest Rate	37%	41%						35%	41%			
Top Rate	55%	50%	49%	48%	47%	46%	45%					
5% Bubble	Yes	No									55%	
* This would have been the GST exemption in 2010. In 2011, it is further adjusted for inflation.												

Top Marginal Tax Rates

	Federal	State	Total
"Coupled" State	45%	0	45%
Ordinary "Decoupled" State	38.80%	13.80%	52.60%
"Decoupled" State / No Deduction	37.80%	16%	53.80%
In 2011 (Under Current Law)	39%	16%	55%

Proposed Tax Legislation - Pending

- **EGTRAA Sunset**
 - **Lame duck session?**

Estate Planning

- **Five possible outcomes**
 - **Congress does nothing – law as is for 2010**
 - **Congress passes “patch” legislation**
 - **Change effective from date of enactment**
 - **Congress pass “retroactive” legislation**
 - **Court challenge won**
 - **Court challenge lost**
 - **Congress pass law – “retroactive but”**
 - **Choice**
 - **Follow rates now with stepped up basis**
 - **No estate tax 2010 – carryover basis**
- **Four of the five possible outcomes offer positive results for planning**

Middle Class Tax Cut Act of 2010

- **Senate Finance Committee – Max Baucus**
- **Bill came out of committee Thursday, December 2, 2010**
- **Full vote in Senate on Saturday, December 4, 2010**
- **Bill was defeated 53-26 (needed 60 votes)**
 - **All Republicans voted against it**
 - **4 Democrats**
 - **Independent**

Middle Class Tax Cuts Summary of Bill – Key Provisions

- **Made permanent the “Bush Tax Cuts” for all those married couples with adjusted gross income of \$250,000 or less (single \$200,000 or less)**
- **Ordinary tax rates**
- **Capital gains and qualified dividends – “middle class”**
 - **15% (25% ordinary tax bracket)**
 - **0% (10% or 15% bracket)**
- **Capital gains and dividends 20% for high income**
- **Number of the provisions**

Senate Bill ---Permanent Estate Tax Relief

- **Reinstates 2009 law**
 - **\$3.5 million exemption – per individual**
 - **Indexed for inflation – begin 2011**
 - **Top tax rate 45% (2009 rate)**
 - **Effective January 1, 2010**
 - **Election (Jan. 1 to Dec. 2, 2010), choose no estate tax (2010 current law) and carryover basis**
 - **Reinstates the Generation Skipping Tax**
 - **Lifetime exemption portable between spouses**

Permanent Estate Tax Relief (continued)

- **Deferral of estate tax for farmland**
 - **Defer tax**
 - **Family farm**
Until
 - **Land is sold or transferred outside the family**
 - **Ceases to be farmland**
 - **Income limit on who claims \$750,000 (AGOI)**
- **Increase special use revaluation for \$1.0 to \$3.5 million**

Permanent Estate Tax Relief (continued)

- **GRATs have a minimum term of 10 years (effective after date of enactment)**
- **Basis step up generally applies**
- **Gift tax exclusions: \$13,000 annual, \$1.0 million lifetime**
- **Gift tax rate for taxable gifts after December 2, 2010**
- **Other provisions**
 - **Makes permanent the \$125,000 Section 179 expensing provision for equipment**
 - **\$500,000 additions phase out**

Bipartisan Agreement --- Framework

- **Extends “Bush Era” tax cuts two years**
 - **2011 and 2012**
- **Tax rates**
 - **Married highest rate 35%, \$379,000**
 - **Qualified dividends & capital gains 15%**
- **GRATs**
- **Portability of exemption**
- **Farmland deferral**
- **Special use valuation**
- **Reinstatement of federal estate tax - \$5 million exemption and a top rate of 35%**
- **Not clear about any other proposals in the Senate Finance version of “Tax Cut for Middle Class”**

Framework - Bipartisan Agreement (continued)

- **Two year Alternative Minimum Tax (AMT) “Patch” exemption**
 - **\$40,000 (old rule)**
 - **\$70,000 (patch)**
- **Retain “key tax cuts” for working families**
 - **Earned income tax credit**
 - **Child tax credit**
 - **American Opportunity Tax Credit (education)**

Framework - Bipartisan Agreement (continued)

- **Allow business to write off 100% of equipment & machinery purchases in 2011**
- **Reduce worker's share of social security tax (payroll) by 2% from 6.20% to 4.20%**
- **Extend unemployment benefits for 13 months**
- **Not clear on tax extenders and expiring tax breaks**

Estate Planning 2010

- **Carryover basis – death in 2010**
 - **How to use \$1.3 and \$3.0 (spouse) basis step up**
 - **Records of carryover basis amounts**
 - **How to report?**
 - **IRS has issued new Form 8939**
 - **Form filed with final Form 1040 of the decedent**
- **Lifetime giving**
 - **Gift tax 2010 – rate 35%**
 - **No generation skipping tax (GST)**
 - **Consider large gifts this year**
 - **Effect of removing gift tax from taxable estate**
 - **Rate differential 35% vs. 45% vs. 55%**

Estate Planning 2010

- **State estate planning**
 - **Decoupled states – Minnesota (example)**
- **Gifts to dying spouse**
 - **Utilize \$3.0 basis step up allowed**
- **Low interest rate environment**
 - **Applicable federal rates (AFR)**
 - **Outright / Trusts**
 - **Interfamily sales / loans**
 - **Grantor Retained Annuity Trusts (GRATS)**
 - **Ten year term after 2010?**

Estate Tax Legislative Proposals

Other Proposals – Obama Administration

- **Valuation Discounts**
 - **Limits on valuation discounts when transfers of business ownership between family members**
- **Grantor Retained Annuity Trust (GRAT) minimum term ten years**
- **Portability of each spouses' lifetime estate tax exemption**
- **Recouple lifetime gift tax exemption with estate tax exemption**

State Estate Tax Issues

- **Estate tax exposure at state levels**
 - **At least 24 states have some form of estate tax currently**
 - **Example**
 - **Minnesota has \$1 million individual estate exemption**
 - **Minnesota has no gift tax**
- **Inheritance taxes – tax on heirs (Indiana, Iowa, Pennsylvania, Nebraska)**
- **States currently without estate tax include Wisconsin, South Dakota, Wyoming, Missouri, North Dakota and Michigan**
- **Treatment of state estate tax for calculation of federal estate tax**
 - **Deduction in computing federal estate tax**

Specific Estate Planning Objectives

- **Maximize use of tax exemptions and exclusions**
- **Minimize complexity**
- **Transfer substantial values to the next generation quickly**
- **Minimize IRS audit risk/challenge**
- **Avoid probate**
- **Privacy**
- **Philanthropy**
- **Maintain continued financial security for senior family members, their spouses & family**
- **Family harmony**

- **Do you have wills and other documents reflecting your wishes?**
 - **NO- Your state will write one for you (statutory).**

Do You Have a “Taxable Estate”?

Total Assets

- **Total Liabilities**
- **Expense of Estate**
- **Charitable Bequests**
- **Asset passing to surviving spouse**
- + Taxable Lifetime Gifts**
- = Taxable Estate**

Do You Have a “Taxable Estate”?

Total Assets – Total Liabilities = Total Estate

- **Total assets include**
 - **Home**
 - **Farm**
 - **Business**
 - **Equipment**
 - **Real Estate**
 - **Inventory**
 - **Value of ownership interests**
 - **Investments**
 - **Personal property**
 - **Other real estate**
 - **Other assets and property**

Payment of Estate Tax

- **General Rule**

- **Federal**

- **Due 9 months after date of death**
 - **Estate return can be extended six months but tax is due**
 - Interest due
 - Penalties may apply
 - » Reasonable cause exceptions

- **Filing of federal return**

- **Gross estate plus adjusted taxable gifts exceed \$3.5 million (2009)**

Payment of Estate Tax (continued)

- **Valuation understatement – failure to value assets correctly**
 - **20% penalty**
 - **Underpayment of estate tax exceeds \$5,000**
 - **The underpayment is attributable to valuation understatements**
 - **Valuation understatement exists when**
 - **Value of property reported is 65% or less than actual value**

Deferral of Estate Tax – Section 6166 Election

- **What is it?**
 - **Deferral of estate tax payment “attributable to interest in a closely held business”**
 - **Allows heirs/estate to retain business**
 - **Federal Estate Tax payable over 14 years**
 - **Maximum of ten annual installments**
 - **Delay payment for first four years**
 - **Pay interest only**
 - **Low interest rate**
 - **Interest rate 2% on tax attributable to asset value of \$1.3 million**
 - **Balance of tax interest 45% if IRS market rate**

Payment of Estate Tax (continued)

- **What estates qualify?**
 - **Value of business must be 35% or more of gross estate**
 - **Closely held business is**
 - **Sole proprietorship**
 - **Closely held**
 - **Corporate stock**
 - **Partnership interests**
 - **Attribution rules apply for ownership**
- **Loss of deferral?**
 - **Accelerated if payments are missed**
 - **Sell Property or Business**

Special Use Valuation

- **Qualified Real Property included in decedent's estate**
 - **Used for farming**
 - **Other trade or business**
 - **Located in US**
- **Up to \$1 million reduction in value used to determine estate tax**
 - **Current use value vs. highest & best use value**
- **Complex rules regarding use before death**
 - **Material participation**
 - **Owned by you on date of death and five of eight years before death**
 - **Directly or**
 - **Indirectly**
 - » **Trusts**
 - » **Partnerships**
 - » **Corporations**
 - **Five of eight years or more ending on**
 - **Death**
 - **Disability**
 - **Date starting social security benefits**

Special Use Valuation (continued)

- **Percentage Test Requirement**
 - Value of business and Land
 - At least 50% of Adjusted Gross Estate

 - At least 25% of Adjusted Gross Estate must consist of
 - Farm land or closely held real property
- **Election is made on timely filed Estate Tax Return.**
 - Real Estate appraisals **MUST** be included with return
- **Recapture**
 - Property must be used as a farm
 - Qualified heir/immediate family member who materially participates in operations.

Special Use Valuation (continued)

- **Land**
 - **Rented to others or**
 - **Recently acquired**
 - **Does not qualify**

- **Qualified Heir**
 - **Immediate family member**
 - **Spouse**
 - **Ancestors**
 - **Lineal decedents**
 - **Spouse's descendants**
 - **Spouse of lineal decedents**

Popular Techniques Used in Estate Planning

- **Annual Gift Tax Exclusion**
 - **\$13,000 per year per donee**
 - **Tuition & medical expense exclusion unlimited**
 - **Example:**
 - **Assume Dad & Mom have 2 children and 4 grandchildren**
 - **Can gift up to \$156,000 per year without any federal transfer tax assessed**
- **Lifetime Gift Exclusion**
 - **\$1.0 million per donor**
 - **Uses up portion of \$3.5 million life time exemption**
 - **Shift future appreciation and income to donor**

Married Couples

Key Issues

- **Proper use of each spouse's \$3.5 million exemption**
 - **In theory, married couple can leave up to \$7.0 million to heirs estate tax free**
- **Property ownership**
 - **Separate property vs. community property**
 - **Separate ownership**
 - **Joint ownership**
- **Beneficiary Designations**
 - **IRAs & retirement plans**
 - **Annuity contracts**
 - **Life insurance**
- **Unlimited marital deduction**

Example

	(H)	(W)	Joint	Total
Land	\$ 5,000,000			\$ 5,000,000
Equipment	\$ 500,000			\$ 500,000
Home			\$ 300,000	\$ 300,000
Insurance	\$ 1,000,000	\$ 500,000		\$ 1,500,000
Investments		\$ 500,000		\$ 500,000
	<u>\$ 6,500,000</u>	<u>\$ 1,000,000</u>	<u>\$ 300,000</u>	<u>\$ 7,800,000</u>

Estimated tax if (H) dies first:

Gross Estate	\$ 6,500,000
One-half Joint Property	\$ 150,000
Less Exemption	<u>\$ (3,500,000)</u>
To (W) (Marital)	\$ 3,150,000
Wife's Assets	\$ 1,000,000
One-half of Joint Property	\$ 150,000
	<u>\$ 4,300,000</u>
Less Exemption	<u>\$ (3,500,000)</u>
Taxable Estate	\$ 800,000
Tax Rate	45%
Federal Estate Tax	<u>\$ 375,000</u>

Example

Now assume wife dies first

Gross Estate	\$ 1,000,000
One-half Joint Property	\$ 150,000
Less Exemption	<u>\$ (3,500,000)</u>
Taxable Estate	\$ (2,350,000)
Husband's Assets	\$ 6,500,000
Joint Property	<u>\$ 300,000</u>
Subtotal	\$ 6,800,000
Less Exemption	<u>\$ (3,500,000)</u>
Taxable Estate	\$ 3,300,000
Tax Rate	45%
Federal Estate Tax	<u><u>\$ 1,485,000</u></u>

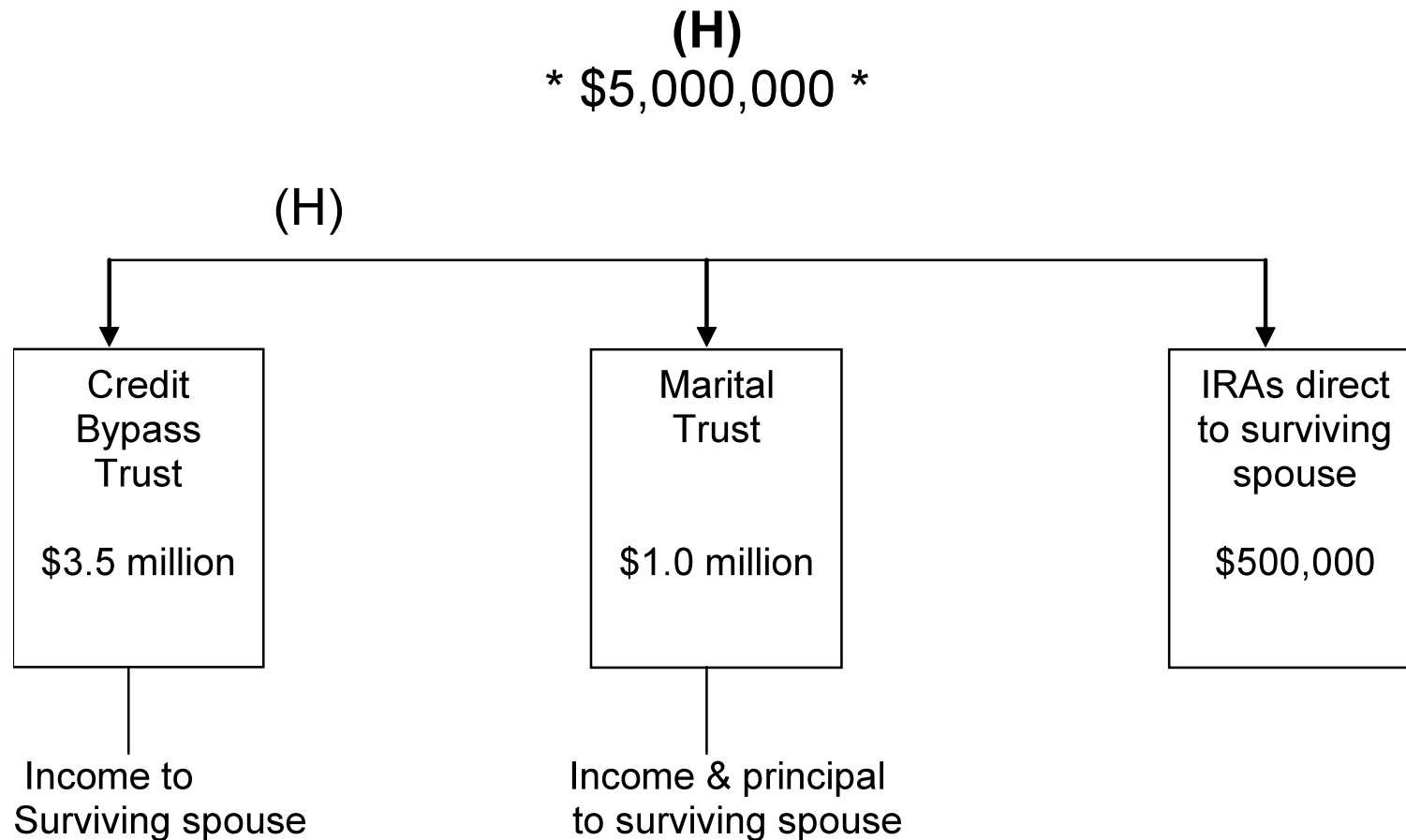
Increase of over \$1 million tax due by order of death.

Key Point: Balance estates to make sure exemptions are not wasted.

Use of Trusts for Married Couples

- **Credit By-Pass Trust**
 - **Use to “hold” first spouse to due credit exemption amount**
 - **Income to surviving spouse**
 - **Principal to surviving spouse**
- **Marital Trust**
 - **Can Hold deceased spouse’s assets in amounts greater than united credit amount**
- **QTIP Trust**
- **Power of Appointment Trust**

Estate Tax Example of Marital Trust



*Includes \$500,000 IRA

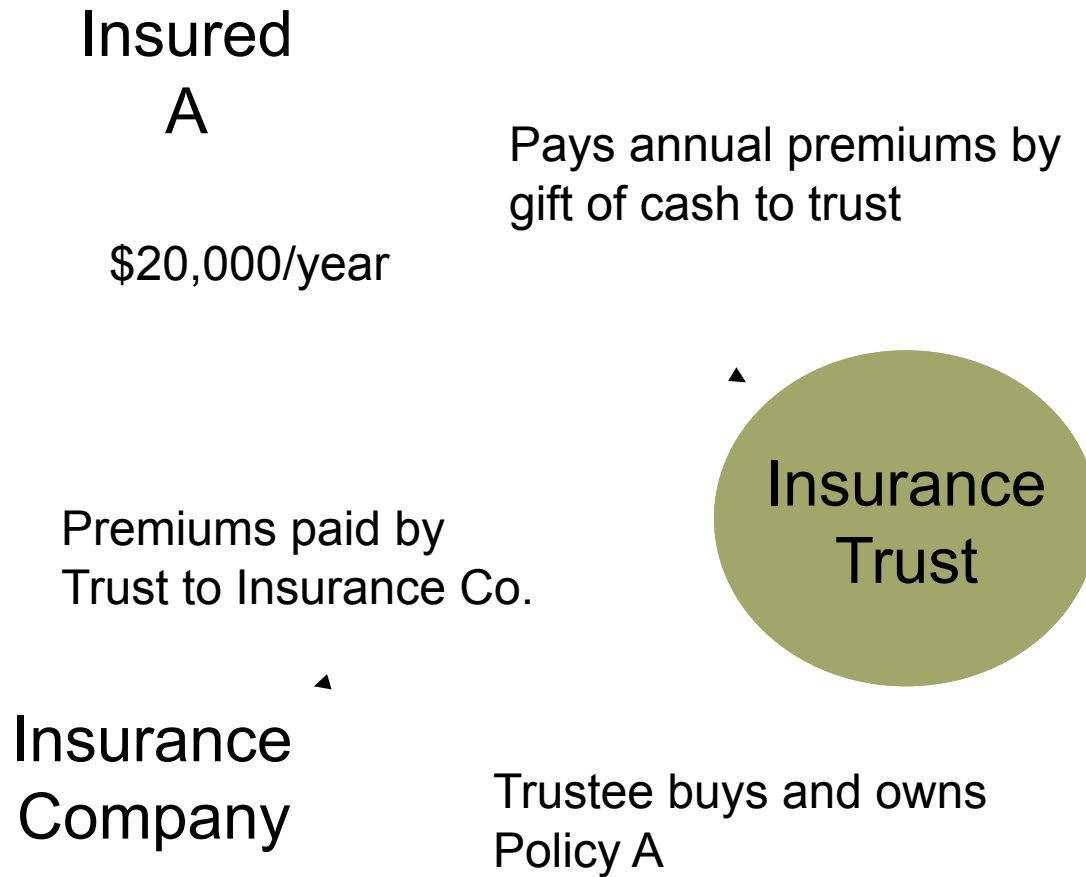
Life Insurance Issues

- **Proper amount of death benefit**
- **Proper ownership of policy**
 - **Who pays premiums?**
- **Keeping death benefit out of estate for estate tax purposes**

Life Insurance Example

- **Total Estate – Assume \$7.0 million**
 - **Life Insurance**
 - Husband has \$2.0 million death benefit with wife as beneficiary
 - Assume husband dies and wife collects death benefit
 - **Total Estate now \$9.0 million**
 - \$2.0 million exposed to Federal Estate Tax
 - Estate tax cost estimated \$900,000
 - **Net death benefit after estate tax erosion is \$1.1 million**

Design of Irrevocable Life Insurance Trust (ILIT)



Insurance Trust At Death

Pays death
benefit to Trust

Insurance
Company



Trustee

- Pays out benefit to beneficiaries
- Lends money to estate for expenses
- Buys assets from estate
- Pays income to surviving spouse

Insurance Issues to be Reviewed

- **Transfer of existing policies to insurance trust**
 - **Gift value**
 - **Three year rule**
- **Payment of premiums**
 - **Annual gift exclusion**
 - **GST exemption allocation**

Estate Transfer Techniques

- **Interfamily loans**
 - **Low interest rate environment**
- **Use of valuation discounts – fractional ownership in business entities**
 - **Marketability**
 - **Control**
- **Outright sale of property**
- **Family limited partnerships**

Loan / Sale Example

- Dad lends son \$100,000 for 9 years
 - AFR required interest rate 1.53% (Dec 2010 mid term rate for loans 9 years or less)
- Son invests money and earns 6% per year
- Dad gets
 - Interest $\$1,530 \times 9$ \$13,770
 - Son earns $\$6,000 \times 9$ \$54,000
 - Net gain to son (pretax) \$40,230

No transfer tax on the \$40,230

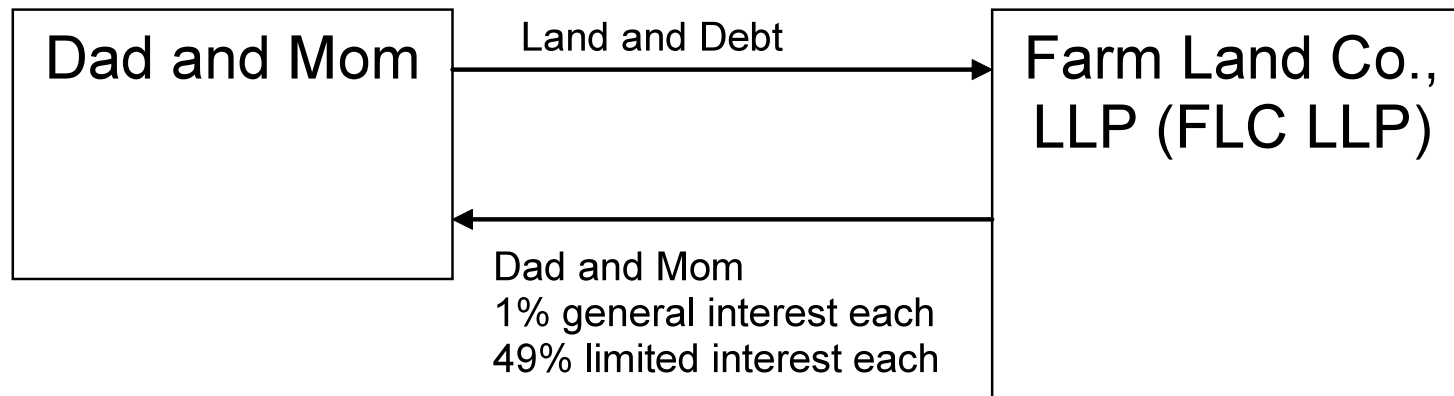
Income tax reporting

- Sale – gain (losses on sales to related parties)
- Loan – interest income / deductible interest expense

Family Limited Partnership

- **What is it?**
 - **Estate planning tool**
 - **Reduce income and estate taxes**
 - **Distribute assets to heirs while keeping control of business**
 - **Ensure continued family ownership of business**
 - **Provides liability protection for all limited partners**

Family Limited Partnerships (continued)



Step 1

- Dad & Mom transfer land and related debt to partnership
- Dad & Mom get back ownership
 - 1% general interest each
 - 49% limited interest each

Alternative: each child puts in cash or other assets in exchange for ownership

Family Limited Partnerships (continued)

Step 2

- FLC LLP enters into lease agreement with farming operation and collects annual rents
- Dad & Mom make management decisions including
 - Collect rents
 - Make payments on purchase debt
 - Buy or sell land
 - File tax return for partnership

Step 3

- Dad & Mom decide to gift to children (3) an interest in FLC, LLP
 - Get appraisals on land to determine current value of entity
 - Assume

• Land Appraisal	\$3,000,000
• Debt	<u>\$ (500,000)</u>
• Net Value	\$2,500,000
• 1.0% Ltd Interest	\$ 25,000

Family Limited Partnerships (continued)

Step 3 continued

- Appraiser says limited interest discounts
 - Lack of control 20%
 - Marketability 25%
- Value of 1% limited interest
 - Gross value \$25,000
- Less marketability (25%) \$ (6,200)
 - Less lack of control (20%) \$ (3,700)
 - Net value of 1% \$15,000
 - Gift to each child (1.7%) \$25,500
 - Annual gift exclusion \$26,000

Result

- Kids own 5.1% of FLC LLP
- Gross value \$127,500 transferred to gift tax free

Family Limited Partnership

Do's and Don'ts

- **Execute written agreement**
- **Document business purpose**
- **Prepare written leases**
- **Open bank account for partnership**
- **Transfer ownership and debt to entity**
- **Do NOT co-mingle personal assets**
- **File annual partnership returns**
- **DO NOT put entire net worth in entity**
- **Do when in good health**