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## 21 Keys to Tax Efficient Financial Planning

Your Financial Guide | January 2024

#### **Retirement Accounts**

- 1. What Qualified Plans do you currently have?
- 2. What Qualified Plans are you eligible to contribute to?
- **3.** Are you making Pre-Tax or Roth Contributions?
- **4.** Are you eligible for an HSA?
- **5.** Are you eligible for a Back-Door or "Mega" Back-Door Roth?
- **6.** Have you considered a Roth Conversion?

#### **Investment Selections**

- **1.** Proactively Tax Loss harvest your non-qualified investment accounts.
- **2.** Consider what types of investments you own in what accounts.
- **3.** Consider if Tax-Free Municipal Bonds could improve your after-tax returns.
- **4.** Understand the different tax-rates for Short and Long Term Capital Gains, Qualified Dividends, and Ordinary Income.

### **Charitable Inclinations**

- **1.** Consider the use of a Donor Advised Fund to bunch charitable gifts.
- **2.** Consider the role of Qualified Charitable Distributions from IRA's when eligible.
- **3.** Consider gifting appreciated securities directly to charities rather than paying cash for charitable gifts.
- **4.** Consider naming a charitable organization as a beneficiary to your Traditional IRA.

# Advanced Planning Items to Consider

- 1. Company Stock & Stock Option Planning
- 2. Deferred Compensation Planning
- **3.** Alternative Strategies
- 4. Advanced Charitable Trust Strategies
- 5. Advanced Multi-Generational Trust Strategies
- **6.** Irrevocable Life Insurance Trust Strategies

Identifying what strategies listed above may be applicable to you may have the possibility of saving your thousands in taxes; allowing you to keep more of your hard-earned investments.

Allow us the opportunity to offer you a complementary review of what strategies you may be able to implement to improve your financial plan; leveraging our teams greater than 200 years of Financial Industry Experience today!