## CHARITABLE PLANNING WITH RETIREMENT ACCOUNTS: STRATEGIES, TRAPS AND SOLUTIONS

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#### Charitable IRA Rollover

- -- Lifetime Gifts from IRAs -
- Law Permanent! 2015 PATH Act Dec 20.2015
- Eligible Donors:
  - -- Won't report charitable gifts from IRAs as taxable income
  - -- Not entitled to charitable income tax deduction

## Charitable IRA Rollover -- Lifetime Gifts from IRAs --

- IRA owner must be over age 70 ½
- Maximum: \$100,000 per year
- Yes! Charitable gift satisfies required minimum distribution requirement from IRA!

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- \* 2017: Accelerate charitable deductions to get tax savings
- \* 2018 & later Charitable IRA Rollover more important

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#### WHO WINS?

- Donors who incur taxes as their income increases
- -- social security benefits taxable
- -- Medicare "B" premiums
- -- 3.8% health tax if AGI>\$200,000
- -- lose 3% of itemized deductions if AGI > \$260,000

#### LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

- Over age 70 ½
- $\blacksquare$  IRA (only) − <u>not</u> 403(b), 401(k), etc.
- "Directly" from the IRA to charity
  - -- OK to send check to donor who forwards to charity

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#### LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

- ELIGIBLE CHARITY Public charity or private operating foundation
  - -- however, a donor advised fund or supporting org is <u>not</u> eligible
- Must qualify for full charitable deduction – no dinners; no CGAs

#### LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

- Taxable part of IRA distributions (only)
  - -- tax-free distributions protected
- Donor must have letter from charity that donor received no goods or services in exchange for the gift

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#### **TECHNICAL ISSUES**

- Yes! Charitable IRA gifts can satisfy legally binding pledges!
- Joint return? Up to \$200,000
- No withholding taxes
- Beneficiary of an inherited IRA who is over age 70 ½ can make charitable gifts of required distributions

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## IRA Distributions After Death

After death, must start liquidating account

- Tax planning for family members who inherit: DEFER distributions as long as possible – greater tax savings
- "Stretch IRA" make payments over beneficiary's life expectancy

## IRA Distributions After Death

"life expectancy"

Oversimplified: Half of population will die before that age, and half will die after

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## REQUIRED MINIMUM DISTRIBUTIONS \*LIFE EXPECTANCY TABLE\*

Age of Beneficiary	<u>Life Expectancy</u>	
30	83	53.3 more years
40	83	43.6
50	84	34.2
60	85	25.2
70	87	17.0
80	90	10.2
90	97	6.9
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30	1.9%	53.3 more years
40	2.3%	43.6
50	<i>2.9%</i>	34.2
60	4.0%	25.2
70	<i>5.9%</i>	17.0
80	10.0%	10.2
90	18.8%	5.5
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## SENATE PROPOSAL: LIQUIDATE ALL INHERITED IRAs IN FIVE YEARS

- 2012 Highway Bill not enacted
- President Obama budget proposal
- June, 2014 Sen. Wyden adds to Highway Bill
- Sept 2016 Senate finance committee action

#### **EXCEPTIONS**

- -- Spouse -- minor child -- disabled
- -- Person not more than ten years younger

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### REQUIRED MINIMUM DISTRIBUTIONS Example: Death at age 80?

CURRENT LAW: \*Life Expectancy Table\*

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60	4.0%	25.2
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#### REQUIRED MINIMUM DISTRIBUTIONS

Example: Death at age 80?

PROPOSED: FIVE YEARS if >10 yrs younger

Age of Beneficia	ı <u>ry</u>	Life Expectancy
30		5 years
40		5
50		5
60		5
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#### **IMPLICATIONS FOR CHARITIES**

Donors more likely to consider

- Outright bequests
- Retirement assets to tax-exempt CRT
  - Child for life
  - Spouse & children (no marital deduction)

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#### **IRAs in SECOND MARRIAGES**

Surviving spouse has an option that no other beneficiary has:

a <u>rollover</u> of deceased spouse's retirement assets to her or his own new IRA (creditor protection, too!)

Other beneficiaries only option: an inherited IRA

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- What assurance that a child from the deceased spouse's prior marriage will be named as a beneficiary?

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- IRAs to a 2-generation charitable remainder trust?

#### CHARITABLE REMAINDER TRUST

- Payment to non-charitable beneficiary (ies) for <u>life</u> \*or\* for a <u>term of years</u> (maximum 20 years)
- Remainder interest distributed to charity
- Exempt from income tax

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#### 2-GENERATION CHARITABLE REMAINDER TRUST

- Typically pays 5% to elderly surviving spouse for life, then 5% to children for life, then liquidates to charity
- Like an IRA, a CRT is exempt from income tax
- No estate tax marital deduction (don't do this if taxable estate)

#### 2-GENERATION CHARITABLE REMAINDER TRUST

- Can be a solution for **second marriages** when estate is top-heavy
  with retirement assets. Example:
- -- Half of IRA to surviving spouse
- -- Other half of IRA to a CRT for 2<sup>nd</sup> spouse and children from 1<sup>st</sup> marriage

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#### 2-GENERATION CHARITABLE REMAINDER TRUST

#### TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS

- Minimum 10% charitable deduction
  - -- all children should be over age 30
- □ CRUT minimum 5% annual distrib
- Not eligible for estate tax marital deduction
- Charitable intent!

#### FREE ARTICLE:

Google search:

#### SSRN Hoyt Rollover

Retirement Assets to a Surviving Spouse –
Rollovers and Portability are Your First Choice
.pdf file; easy download; 5 page article

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FUTURE OF ESTATE TAX ?			
Year	<u>Threshold</u>		
2001	\$ 675,000		
2002-2003	\$ 1,000,000		
2004-2005	\$ 1,500,000		
2006-2008	\$ 2,000,000		
2009	\$ 3,500,000		
2010	REPEALED! [* carryover basis]		
2011-2016	\$ 5,000,000 inflation indexed		
2017	\$ 5,490,000 inflation indexed		
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#### ESTATE TAX

## WHAT IS THE TAX RATE THAT RICH PEOPLE PAY ON THEIR INCOME?

- ■Income tax?
- Estate tax?

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Combination of income & estate taxes

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- Accrued savings bond interest
- Nonqualified deferred compensation
- Retirement plan accounts

#### Retirement Plan Accounts

- 1. Sec. 401 Company plans (401(k))
- 2. Sec. 408 IRAs
- 3. Sec. 403(b) & 457— (Charity/govt employers)

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- 4. **Roth** IRAs & 401(k)/403(b) (Tax-free; not taxable IRD)

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■ Form 706 - Pay estate tax — asset owned at death

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- \* A <u>single payment</u> from a retirement plan to a <u>taxable estate</u> will be <u>taxed twice</u>:
  - -- first on the federal estate tax return
  - -- again on the income tax return, since it is IRD

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### What is the Combination of Income Tax & Estate Tax on IRD?

Begin	ning Balance in Retirement Plan		\$ 100,000
Minus	:: Total Estate Tax Paid by the Probate Estate		(40,000)
Minus	:: Income Tax On Distribution		
•	Gross Taxable Income	\$ 100,000	
•	Reduced By §691(c) Deduction for		
	Federal Estate Tax (only)		
•	Total Estate Tax \$40,000		
•	State Tax Credit <u>Zero</u>		
•	Deduction for Federal Estate Tax	<u>(40,000)</u>	
	Net Taxable Income	\$ 60,000	
•	Times Income Tax Rate	<u>x 39.6%</u>	
-	Net Income Tax on Income In Respect Of De	cedent	_(23,760)
	NET AFTER-TAX AMOUNT TO SON (afte	er about 64% tax rate)	\$ 36,240

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- \* Law: Tax Reg: "Yes, IRD qualifies for the charitable income tax deduction" Reg. 1.642(c)-3(a)

Logic: IRD is both corpus and income

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■ "Does your estate have IRD? Then you are already making a charitable gift. You are giving 64%+ to the federal government in taxes (perhaps 80%+ if state income taxes and state estate taxes)"

# HOW TO LEAVE A RETIREMENT ACCOUNT TO BOTH FAMILY & CHARITY

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#### WHAT CAN GO WRONG?

TWO WAYS TO MAKE A
CHARITABLE BEQUEST FROM A
RETIREMENT ACCOUNT

#1 – NAME CHARITY AS BENEFICIARY OF THE ACCOUNT

#2 – PAY ACCOUNT TO ESTATE OR TRUST THAT THEN MAKES A CHARITABLE BEQUEST

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<u>Reason</u>: The governing instrument had no instructions to pay income to a charity.

### Form 1041 Charitable Income Tax Deduction for Bequest of IRD?

Instruction in Will or Trust:

"If I make a charitable bequest, pay it first out of IRD, if any" (oversimplified)

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#### FREE ARTICLE:

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Income Tax Deductions
for Charitable Bequests of IRD

.pdf file; easy download; 11 page article; 32 footnotes

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(for estates not subject to estate tax – under \$5.5 million)

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#### Income-Based Charitable Bequests

#### **BACKGROUND:**

- Today the typical charitable bequest is a distribution from the estate's corpus.
- For example, "pay \$50,000 to the Charity, and the remainder of my estate to my children."
- Charitable bequests are usually viewed as providing estate tax savings but no income tax savings.

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## Income-Based Charitable Bequests EXAMPLE

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- \$1,060,000 Total cash

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#### Income-Based Charitable Bequests

Traditional

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- An income-based charitable bequest is a charitable bequest where the source of the payment is the estate's [trust's] taxable income, rather than a distribution of corpus.
- A wholesale change from the traditional way of drafting a charitable bequest.

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### Income-Based Charitable Bequests EXAMPLE:

- [No charitable bequest from corpus]
- "All of this estate's [trust's] income (including capital gains and IRD) shall be distributed to the Charity. If the cumulative amount of income of this estate [trust] exceeds \$50,000, then Charity shall receive only a cumulative amount of \$50,000 and all excess income shall be retained or distributed to my beneficiaries at the discretion of the executor [trustee]."

- The charity will receive \$50,000 under either scenario, assuming that there is at least \$50,000 of income.
- But with an income-based charitable bequest, the estate, trust and the children will not incur an income tax liability on \$50,000 of income.
- Simplest case: generate a charitable income tax deduction to offset the income generated during the administration of an estate (or of a trust whose purpose is akin to settling a probate estate).

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#### Income-Based Charitable Bequests

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#### Why focus on non-taxable estates?

- -- Why not taxable estates?
- Taxable estate: trade-off of tax-savings from charitable deduction between estate tax (40%) and income tax (perhaps at beneficiary lower rate)
- With a non-taxable estate there is no estate tax. So the tax planning is to take steps that reduce the only tax that a non-taxable estate and its beneficiaries will incur: the income tax

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#### Income-Based Charitable Bequests

#### **Bottom line:**

- For a non-taxable estate, a very large income-based charitable bequest offers the potential to eliminate the income tax liability for all income earned during the administration of an estate
- Would be helpful to have guidance with PLR, revenue ruling, court decision, etc

#### **ARTICLES**

#1 – CRT for Second MArriages
Google search SSRN Hoyt Rollover (FREE ARTICLE)
Retirement Assets to a Surviving Spouse –
Rollovers and Portability are Your First Choice

#2 - Charitable Bequests of IRD
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#3 - Income-Based Charitable Bequests
PROBATE & PROPERTY
(September/October, 2017)
Tax Savings With Income-Based Charitable Bequests

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