

Seven Aspects of Your Financial Life To Review on a Yearly Basis

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O INVESTMENTS

Review your investment strategy – make sure it's in keeping with your current goals. Look over your portfolio positions and revisit your asset allocation.

O RETIREMENT

Take a look at your overall retirement strategy. Does it (still) make sense? If applicable, take your RMD (required minimum distribution) from your traditional IRA. Take a look at and/or max out contributions to IRAs, 401(k)s. Consider maxing out catch-up contributions, if applicable. Finally, consider Roth IRA conversion scenarios.

O TAXES

Search for possible credits and/or deductions before the year comes to a close. Have a qualified tax professional put together a yearend projection, including Alternative Minimum Tax (AMT). Review appreciated property sales and both realized and unrealized losses and gains. Take a look back at last year's loss carryforwards. If you've sold securities, gather costbasis information. Look for any transactions that could potentially enhance your circumstances.

O GIFTS & CONTRIBUTIONS

Plan charitable contributions or contributions to education accounts, and make any desired cash gifts to family members. Review and fund trusts, as applicable.

O INSURANCE

Are your policies and beneficiaries up to date? Review costs, beneficiaries, and any and all life changes that may affect your insurance needs.

O PERSONAL CHANGES

This year, did you ...

- ... get married or divorced?
- ... move or change jobs?
- ... buy a home or business?
- ... have (or adopt) a child?
- ... receive an inheritance or gift?
- ... see a severe illness or ailment affect
- a family member?
- ... lose a family member?
- ... discover that your parent(s) would need assisted living?

O BIRTHDAY MILESTONES

Did you turn 70½ this year? If so, you must now take Required Minimum Distributions (RMDs) from your IRA(s).

Did you turn 65 this year? If so, you're now eligible to apply for Medicare.

Did you turn 62 this year? If so, you're now eligible to apply for Social Security benefits. Did you turn 59½ this year? If so, you may take IRA distributions without penalty.

Did you turn 55 this year? If so, and you retired during this year, you may now take distributions from your 401(k) account without penalty. **Did you turn 50 this year?** If so, "catch-up" contributions may now be made to IRAs (and certain qualified retirement plans).

If you feel you need to address any of the items above, please feel free to give me a call. I'll be happy to help you take a closer look and answer your questions or concerns, as I can