

# WHAT KEEPS YOU UP AT NIGHT?

Wealth is always accompanied by complexity — whether preserving assets in the face of volatile markets, leaving a legacy without subjecting heirs to excessive taxation, exiting a successful business or protecting a substantial employer stock position.

If you are struggling to follow your financial plan or just need some help prioritizing your goals, take some time to consider these important questions:

## **Financial Planning**

- Is there a way to aggregate all my financial assets and track their performance and overall asset allocation?
- How should I allocate my year-end bonus?
- Should I be deferring some of my income?
- How should assets be owned? Individual names, joint, tenants in common?
- Should I convert all, some or none of my conventional IRAs to Roth IRAs?

## **Asset Management**

- How can I reduce the level of risk in my portfolio?
- How are my various investments performing relative to their respective benchmarks?
- Should I allocate my IRAs, 401(k) and deferred compensation accounts differently than my taxable accounts?
- Should I diversify using hedge funds or Real Estate Investment Trusts?
- Can I reduce the tax bill on my investments?

## **Risk management & Insurance Strategies**

- Do I have the right amount and right type of insurance?
- Life? Disability Income? Are they coordinated with my other assets and legal documents?
- Do I have the appropriate auto/home insurance coverages?

## **Achieve Balance**

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- How do I determine the proper deductibles?

- How much Umbrella Liability coverage should someone have with my level of assets?

## **Estate Planning**

- Are my estate planning documents (Wills, Trusts, etc.) appropriate, up to date and consistent with current tax codes?
- Should I establish more complex estate planning techniques such as GRATS, FLPs, QPRTs, IDGTs, etc.?
- Who can make sure I am sending out the appropriate Crummey notices each year?
- Where are all my important documents? (Deed to house, tax returns, wills, etc.)
- Are there Trust instruments I should be using?
- Living Revocable Trusts, Special Needs Trusts, Irrevocable Trusts, Generation Skipping Trusts, etc.
- Should I consider a gifting strategy?

## **Tax Planning**

- How should I actively manage capital gains and losses throughout the year?
- Is there an optimal time to be exercising ISOs, NQOs?

## **Retirement Planning**

- Do I have enough money to retire?
- Which pockets of money should I draw down first?

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