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Program Agenda

Friday, May 18, 2018, 7:45a–4:00p

7:45a  Registration and Continental Breakfast

8:20  Welcome and Introductions

8:30  Current Event/New Tax Law Issues
      Rick Graves
      The new tax law and current financial developments have a significant impact on the advanced estate planning practice of law. This section surveys how increasing interest rates, a decrease in the need for transfer tax planning and the most significant income tax law since 1986 changes what advanced estate planning means to most clients.

9:45  Charitable Giving
      C. Barton “Bart” Landess
      There are many options available to clients with charitable planning goals, and certain strategies may be affected by the new tax law and the current interest rate environment. Private foundations and donor advised funds are increasingly popular, but there are potential downsides to each. In addition, certain strategies have been subject to increased IRS scrutiny. This section covers the various charitable planning tools and review charitable planning opportunities in the current environment.

10:45  Break

11:00  Basis Planning
       Patrick D. Newton
       Basis planning is the new black in estate planning. Under the new tax law, very few clients are going to be impacted by transfer taxes. This section covers how the higher transfer tax exemption levels provide opportunities for basis planning that clients should be able to expect from advanced estate planners.

12:00p  Networking Lunch

12:45  Federal Income Taxation of Trusts
       Sherwood C. “Chris” Henderson
       Never before has the income taxation of trusts been more important to the advanced estate planner. This section covers taxation of grantor and non-grantor trusts in a world where income tax planning is often more relevant than transfer tax planning.

1:45  Life Cycle of an FLP
      Andrea C. Chomakos
      FLPs (and FLLCs) became the go-to transfer tax planning technique for high-net-worth clients and tens of thousands of these entities were formed. This section covers the current planning environment where “high-net-worth” is now $22,000,000 for a couple and many of these entities have out lived their usefulness or have become harmful to client planning.
Refashioning Irrevocable Trusts
Elizabeth K. Arias

With the adoption of the Uniform Trust Code and the Trust Decanting Statute, irrevocable trusts rarely are truly irrevocable. This session provides a review of the various statutory provisions that permit the modification of irrevocable trusts and when the provisions may be available for use by the trustee and/or beneficiaries. It also includes a review of the process for using the applicable statutory provisions and virtual representation. These topics are even more relevant now—in an advanced planning landscape—where the focus of planning has often shifted away from transfer tax planning.
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