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## Welcome and Thank You!



# Today's Agenda

- Income Tax Overview
- Future Tax Considerations
- Case Study
- Questions



# Income Tax Overview



#### **Brief Overview**

#### **Important Calculations to Consider:**

- Total Income:
  - Wages, Self-Employed Income, Interest/Dividends, Capital Gains, Rental Income, etc.
- Adjusted Gross Income (AGI)
  - Calculated using Total Income Reported minus Above-the-Line Deductions
- Taxable Income
  - Calculated using AGI minus Itemized Deductions
- Modified Adjusted Gross Income (MAGI)
  - Calculated by adding certain deductions taken for AGI



## Examples of AGI Deductions

- Retirement plan contributions
- Claiming Dependents
- Alimony
- Self-employed health insurance payments
- One-half of any self-employment taxes paid
- Health savings account deductions
- Educator expenses
- Moving expenses
- Deductions for domestic production activities



### Examples of Itemized Deductions

- Unreimbursed Medical and Dental Expenses
- Alimony
- Interest Expenses
- Taxes Paid
- Charitable Donations
- Casualty and Theft Losses
- Unreimbursed Job-Related Expenses
- Deductions for domestic production activities



## Examples of MAGI Additions

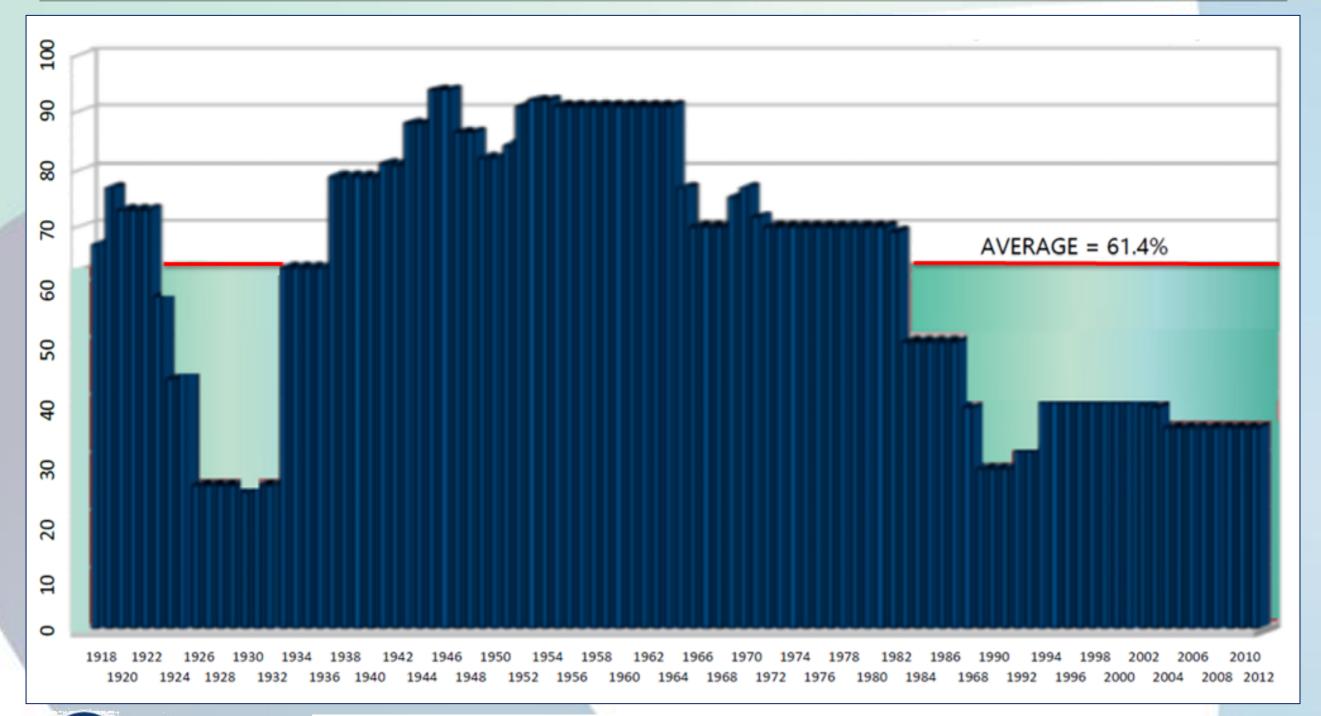
- Student Loan Interest
- One-half self-employment tax
- Qualified tuition expenses
- Tuition and fees deduction
- Passive loss/gain
- IRA contributions, taxable social security payments
- Rental losses
- Any overall loss from a publicly traded partnership



## Future Tax Considerations



### Historical Tax Rates







## 1980 Tax Structure Adjusted for Inflation

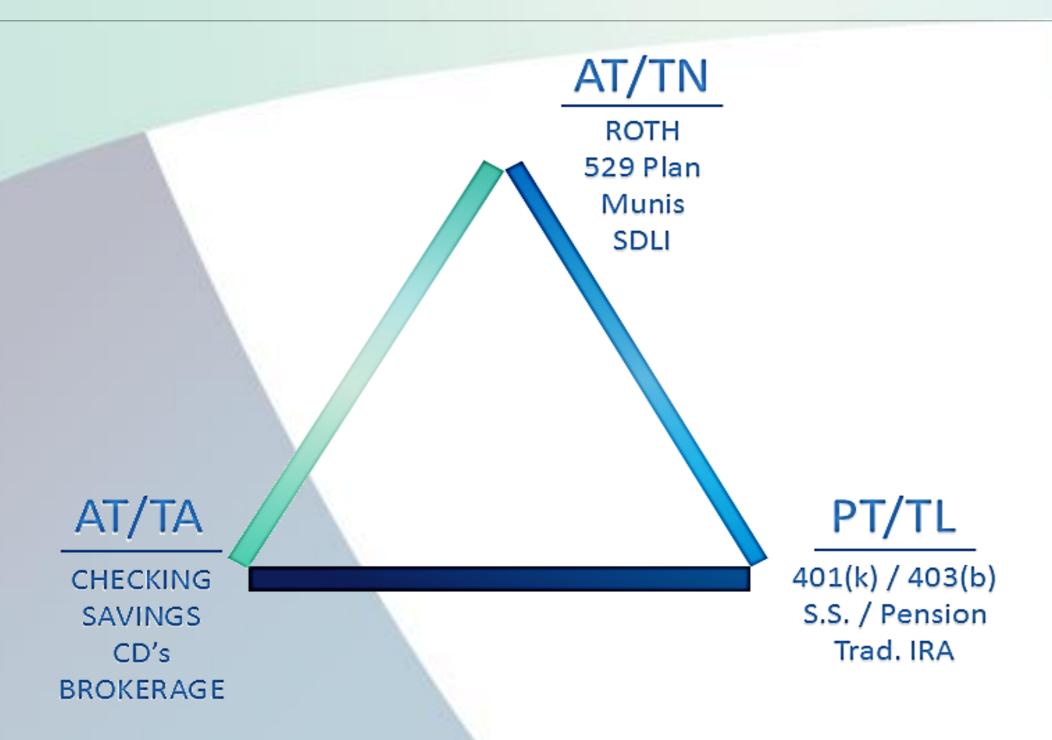
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1980 Income		Tax Rate	2015 Equivalent	
\$0	\$3,400	0%	\$0	\$9,768
\$3,400	\$5,500	14%	\$9,768	\$15,802
\$5,500	\$7,600	16%	\$15,802	\$21,835
\$7,600	\$11,900	18%	\$21,835	\$34,189
\$11,900	\$16,000	21%	\$34,189	\$45,968
\$16,000	\$20,200	24%	\$45,968	\$58,035
\$20,200	\$24,600	28%	\$58,035	\$70,676
\$24,600	\$29,900	32%	\$70,676	\$85,903
\$29,900	\$35,200	37%	\$85,903	\$101,130
\$35,200	\$45,800	43%	\$101,130	\$131,583
\$45,800	\$60,000	49%	\$131,583	\$172,380
\$60,000	\$85,600	54%	\$172,380	\$245,929
\$85,600	\$109,400	59%	\$245,929	\$314,306
\$109,400	\$162,400	64%	\$314,306	\$466,575
\$162,400	\$215,400	68%	\$466,575	\$618,844
\$215,400	and up	70%	\$618,844	and up





## Understanding Tax Diversification



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# Roth Conversion



#### Factors to Consider

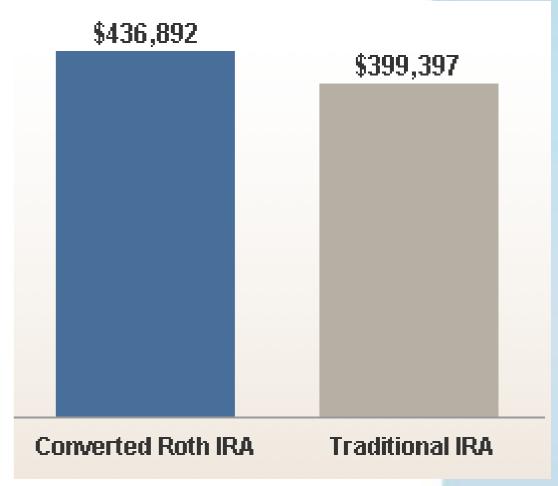
- Amount to Convert
- Current Income Tax Bracket
- Future Income Tax Bracket
- Other Tax-Free Assets
- Other Taxable Accounts
- Time Horizon
- Legacy Effect



### Roth Conversions

#### Rules and Tax Consequences:

- 60 day rollover window
- Contributions are Taxable
  - Ex. Client A converts a \$250,000 IRA to Roth IRA in 2015
  - \$250,000 added to Client A's Income
  - Federal Tax Rate: 32% at withdrawal
  - State Tax Rate: 5% at withdrawal
  - Rate of Return: 6.4% for 15 yrs



Managing taxes due
Based on the amount you wish to convert, you
would owe approximately \$75,704 in federal
income taxes.

Based on the information you provided, you would owe approximately \$12,500 in state income taxes the year that you convert.



# Social Security



## How is Social Security Taxed?

#### TAXATION OF SOCIAL SECURITY BENEFITS

Provisional Income = 1/2 Social Security Benefits + Modified Adjusted Gross Income

SINGLE

\$0-\$25K

\$25K

Above \$34K

0% of Benefits are Taxable

0-50% of Benefits are Taxable

7-85% of Benefits are Taxable

MARRIED, FILING JOINTLY

\$0-\$32K

\$32K

Above \$44K



# Required Minimum Distributions

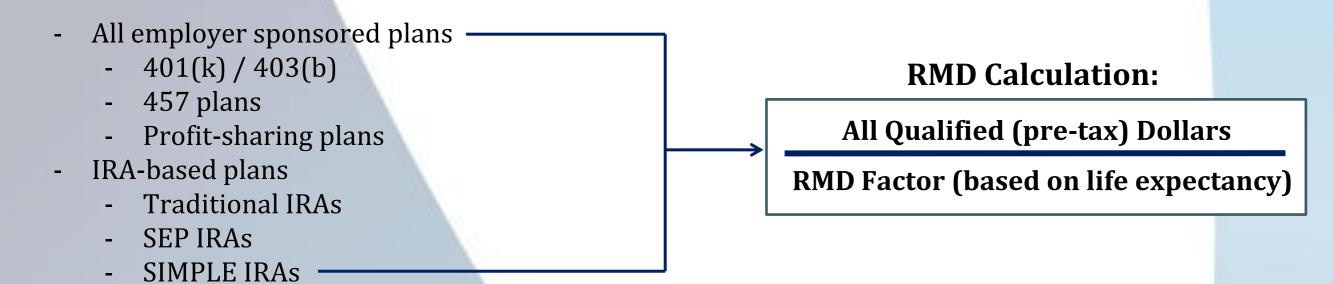


### Required Minimum Distributions

#### What are RMDs?

Minimum amounts that a retirement plan account owner must withdraw annually starting with the year he or she reaches 70.5 years of age

#### What accounts are exposed to RMDs?





# Case Study



### John Smith, Scenario A

- Age: **55**
- Annual Income: \$175,000
- Pre-Tax Account Balance at 55: \$500,000
- Annual Rate of Return: 6%
- Maximum contribution to Pre-Tax account: \$24,000
- Company Match: 100% of John's contribution up to 3% of his annual income: \$5,250
- Pension and Social Security Income: \$50,000/year
- Retirement Age: 70



### John Smith, Scenario B

- Age: **55**
- Annual Income: \$175,000
- Pre-Tax Account Balance at 55: \$500,000
- Annual Rate of Return: 6%
- 6% contribution to Pre-Tax account: \$10,500
- Company Match: 100% of John's contribution up to 3% of his annual income: \$5,250
- Pension and Social Security Income: \$50,000/year
- Retirement Age: 70



#### John Smith

#### Scenario A

**Total Taxes Paid at** 

age 90: **\$685,000** 

#### Scenario B

**Total Taxes Paid at** 

age 90: **\$555,000** 

Total Tax Savings \$130,000 (\$56,700) \$73,300

## Thank You!



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