Estate Tax Analysis Case Study Basic Estate Planning and Roth IRA Conversions

Background

Roy Estrada - age 55
Connie Estrada - age 54
Roy and Connie are married.

2 Children: Joan Estrada - age 28

Adam Estrada - age 22

Current Gross Estate - \$2,700,000

Current Value of Retirement Plans – \$625,000

Retirement: Roy - age 67

Connie - age 66



Concerns: Roy and Connie are concerned about how much of their assets will be received by their children at their death. They believe their current assets are sufficient right now to produce the income they will need when they retire in about 11 years. Since the current financial situation is so uncertain, they are also concerned about future income tax rate increases affecting their assets and income during retirement.

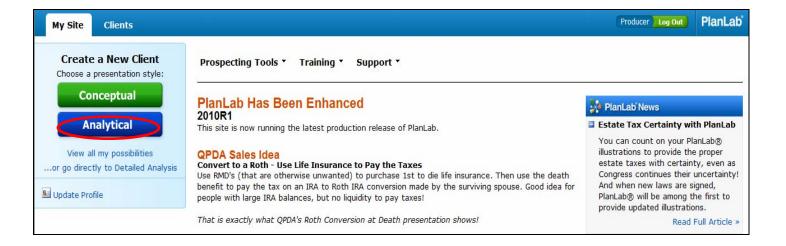
Goals: Roy and Connie want their children to receive the maximum amount of their assets after death. They also want to minimize the amount of estate and income taxes their children will have to pay at their death.

Considerations: Roy and Connie are interested in simple planning strategies that address their concerns. They have wills that give all of their assets to the surviving spouse, and the children receive the remaining assets at the surviving spouse's death. Roy expects his internet business to grow in the future, and Adam wants to continue the internet business after Roy's death. Roy and Connie are high-income earners and make the maximum allowable contributions to their qualified plans every year. Approximately, forty per cent (40%) of their investable assets are in qualified retirement accounts.

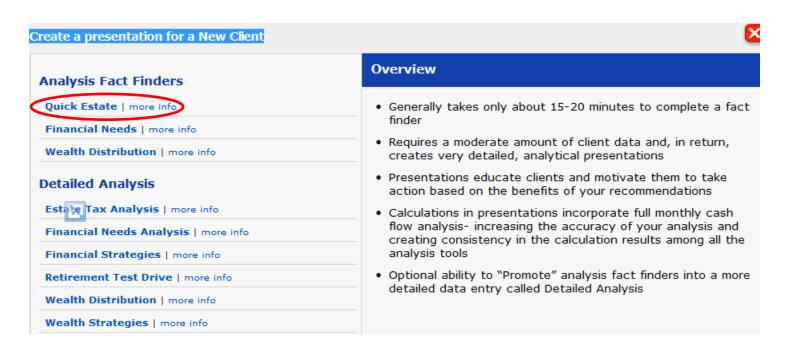
Preparing an Estate Tax Analysis Presentation

Prepare an Estate Tax Analysis Presentation on PlanLab Web using the Quick Estate Plan Online Fact Finder to illustrate Roy and Connie's current planning, and proposed strategies to address their concerns.

SCREEN 1 - PlanLab Web/My Site: Analytical

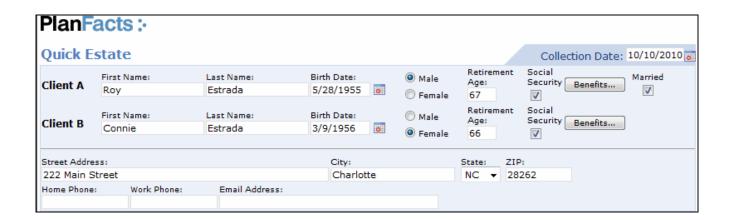


SCREEN 2 - Analysis Fact Finders: Quick Estate



SCREEN 3 - Quick Estate PlanFacts

Current Situation



Incomes

Salary

Roy ABC Corp \$18,000 monthly

Employer Retirement Plan

Roy Current Value \$150,000

5% Growth

9% Employee Contribution

5% Employer Contribution

Salary

Connie Widget Inc. \$12,000 monthly

Employer Retirement Plan

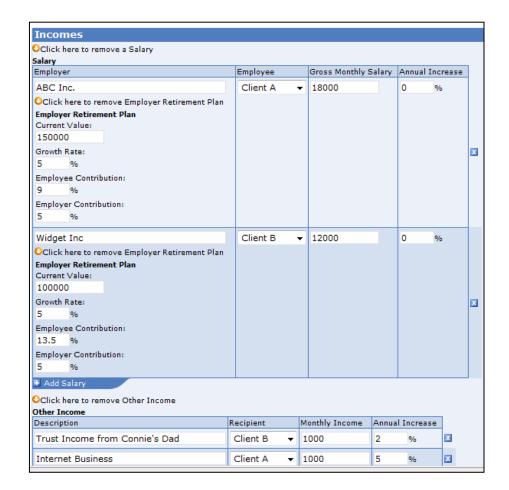
Connie Current Value \$100,000 5% Growth

13.5% Employee Contribution

5% Employer Contribution

Other Income

Connie Dad's Trust \$1,000 monthly 2% Increase Roy Internet Business \$1,000 monthly 5% Increase



Assets

Liquid Assets

Checking Acct Joint Value \$10,000 0% Interest Mutual Fund 1 Joint Value \$300,000 4% Interest Mutual Fund 2 Joint Value \$225,000 4% Interest Savings Acct Joint Value \$100,000 1% Interest Stocks Joint 5% Interest Value \$300,000

Fixed Assets

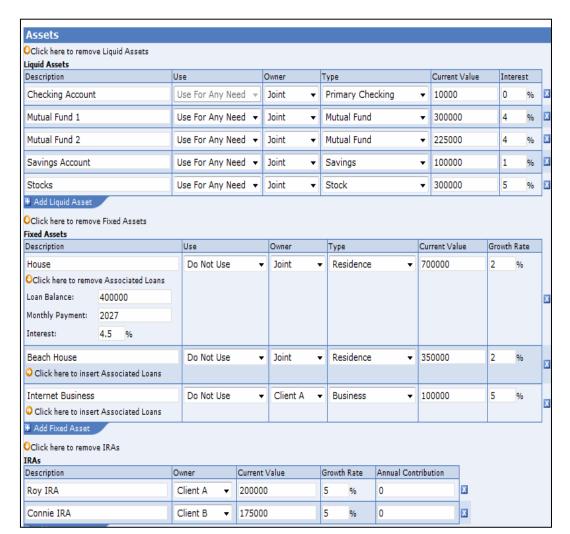
House

Value \$700,000 2% Growth
Loan \$400,000
Payment \$2,027 4.5% Interest
Beach House Joint
Value \$350,000 2% Growth
Business Roy Owner
Value \$100,000 5% Growth

Joint

IRAs

Roy IRA Value \$200,000 5% Growth No Contribution Connie IRA Value \$175,000 5% Growth No Contribution



Expenses & Liabilities

Expenses

Living Expenses \$9,000 monthly After First Death – 100% After Disability – 100% After Retirement – 100%

Insurance

Existing Life Insurance

Roy Life Insurance
Face Amount \$200,000
Insured & Owner - Roy
Beneficiary - Connie
Monthly Premium - \$150
Type-Permanent
Connie Life Insurance
Face Amount - \$300,000
Insured & Owner - Connie
Beneficiary - Roy
Monthly Premium - \$140
Type-Permanent

Estate Assumptions

Final Expenses

Roy \$15,000 Connie \$15,000

Administrative Expenses

Roy 1% Connie 1%

Probate Fees

Roy 4% Connie 4%

General Planning Info

Income Tax: 35%
Prior Taxable Gifts:

Roy \$0 Connie \$0

Gift taxes Paid:

Roy \$0 Connie \$0 Applicable Credit Used:

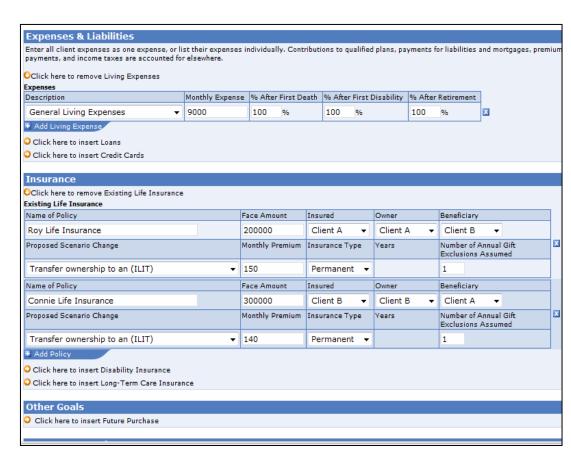
Roy \$0 Connie \$0

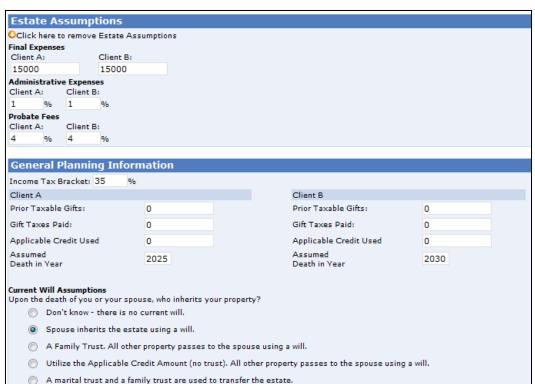
Assumed Death in Year:

Roy 2025 Connie 2030

Current Will Assumptions

Spouse inherits the estate using a will.





Someone other than spouse inherits the estate using a will.

% to surviving spouse -all other property passes to others using a will.

Client Goals and Concerns

Reduce Estate Taxes and Expenses. Roy and Connie are interested in simple estate planning strategies that may reduce estate taxes and expenses, and maximize the amount the children receive at their death.

Proposed Strategy 1:

Roy and Connie restructure their wills to create a Family Trust (also known as "Bypass Trust" and "B Trust") at the first spouse's death that receives the lesser of the federal estate tax applicable credit equivalent amount of assets at the first spouse's death, or \$1,000,000. (Until the federal estate tax laws are more certain, estate planning specialists may recommend putting a limit on the value of assets intended to qualify for the federal estate tax unified credit at the first spouse's death.) Both spouses' full (or partial) federal estate tax unified credit amount is used at their deaths, which reduces the federal estate taxes due nine (9) months after the second spouse's death.

Proposed Strategy 1: Quick Estate PlanFacts

Proposed Scenarios

Proposed Will Assumptions

A Family Trust - All other property passes to the spouse using a will.

Propose	ed Scenario
OClick here	e to remove Proposed Will Assumptions
	d Will Assumptions death of you or your spouse, who inherits your property?
0	Don't know - there is no current will.
0	Spouse inherits the estate using a will.
•	A Family Trust, All other property passes to the spouse using a will.
0	$ \ \text{Utilize the Applicable Credit Amount (no trust)}. \text{All other property passes to the spouse using a will.} $
0	A marital trust and a family trust are used to transfer the estate.
0	0 % to surviving spouse -all other property passes to others using a will.
0	Someone other than spouse inherits the estate using a will.
Click her	e to insert Proposed Annual Gifting

Proposed Strategy 2:

Roy and Connie purchase a new survivorship life insurance policy owned by an irrevocable trust (also known as an "ILIT"). At the second spouse's death, their children receive federal estate and income tax free death proceeds to provide liquidity (without having to liquidate estate assets) to pay estate taxes and expenses. Joan and Adam graduated from college and do not rely on Roy and Connie to support them. Roy and Connie no longer need the existing life insurance policies for survivor needs. Roy and Connie transfer the existing policies to the ILIT (federal gift taxes may apply), which will reduce the face amount of the new survivorship policy.

Proposed Strategy 2: Quick Estate PlanFacts

Life Insurance

Existing Life Insurance

Roy Life Insurance
Proposed Scenario Change:
Transfer to ILIT
Annual Gift Exclusion - 1
Connie Life Insurance
Proposed Scenario Change:
Transfer to ILIT
Annual Gift Exclusion - 1



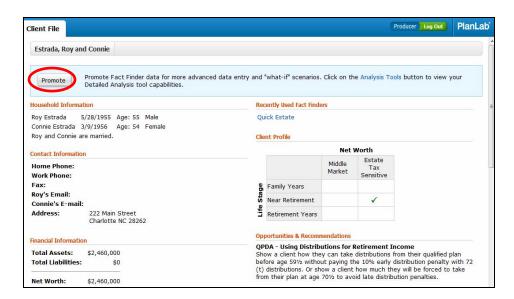
Proposed Life Insurance

New Survivorship Life Insurance
Face Amount \$1,000,000
Insured-Survivor Owner-(ILIT)
Monthly Premium \$700
Type-Permanent
Annual Gift Exclusions - 2

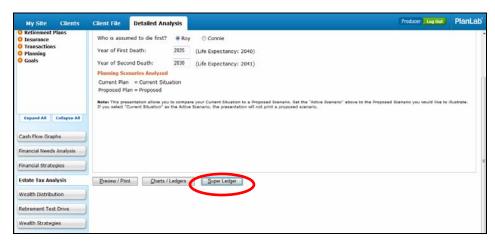




TIP 1: Promote the case to Detailed Analysis to use the new and improved Super Ledgers (IE8 needed).

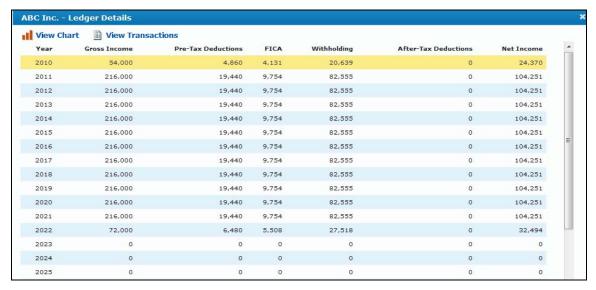


Tip 1: The Super Ledgers show the details of most of the calculations in the ETA presentation. This information is very helpful to explain the effect of proposed strategies on the Estrada's financial and estate plan during their lifetime and at their death.



Click on the figure to produce Ledger Details of the calculation as shown below.

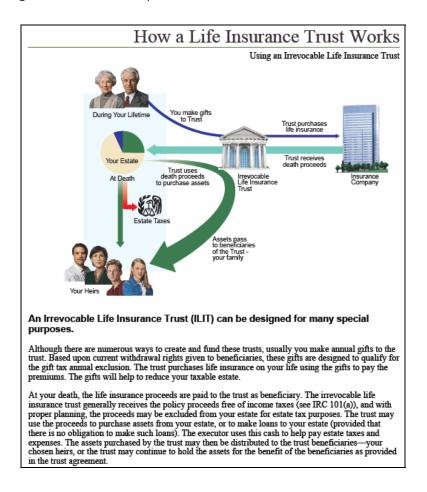




TIP 2: The ETA presentation produced in Detailed Analysis contains numerous supporting details pages and individual ledgers regarding assets, income, expenses, taxes and gifts.

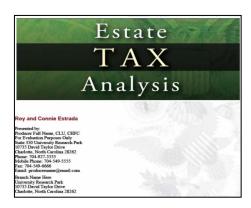
							G	ift Sum	mary		
Roy Dies in 2025, Connie Dies in 2030 All Assets Proposed Plan with New Life Insurance						in 2025, Connie 1					Total Gifts
						Proposed Plan with New Life Insurance					
End of Year	Beginning of Year Assets	Change in Asset Values	End of Year Asset Value	Net Assets Used for Cash Flow ²	End of Year	Life Insurance Premium Gifts	Non Premium Gifts	Taxable Gifts	Exclusion Gifts	Charitable Gifts	All Gifts
2010 2011 2012 2013 2014	\$2,710,000 2,759,203 2,957,342 3,155,312 3,357,398	\$37,550 154,323 161,154 168,304 175,791	\$2,759,203 2,957,342 3,155,312 3,357,398 3,563,849	\$0 0 0 0	2010 2011 2012 2013	\$2,970 11,880 11,880 11,880	\$0 0 0	\$2,100 8,400 8,400 8,400	\$870 3,480 3,480 3,480	\$0 0 0	\$2,970 11,880 11,880 11,880
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TIP 3: In Detailed Analysis, print resource pages to educate Roy and Connie about the proposed strategies included in the presentation.



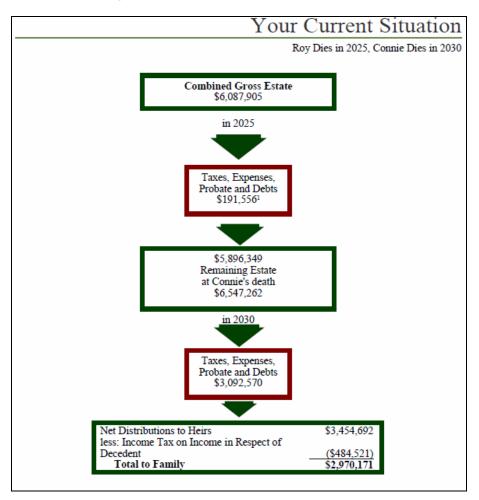
Estate Tax Analysis Presentation

At the next meeting with Roy and Connie, present the Estate Tax Analysis (ETA) printed presentation produced by the Quick Estate Plan Fact Finder. The ETA presentation contains the results of their current situation, and the proposed planning strategies.



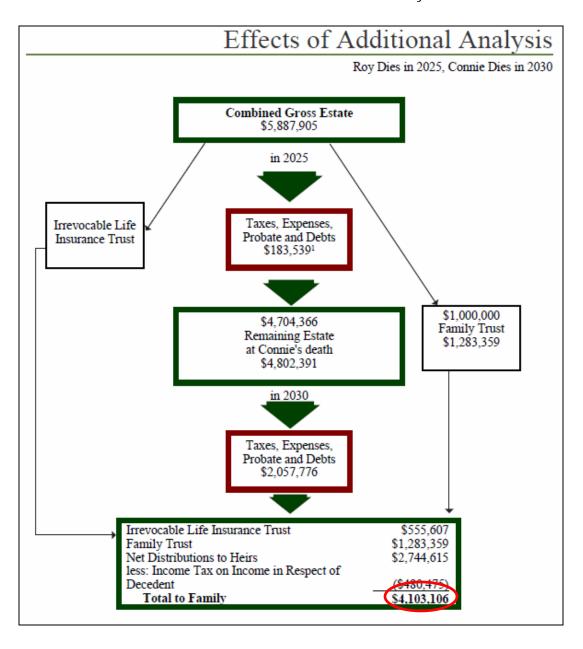
Current Situation: Results

In the ETA presentation, use the flowchart titled "Your Current Situation" to explain the estimated estate tax and other transfer costs for the Estrada's current plan, if Roy dies in 2025 and Connie dies in 2030. This flowchart shows net distributions to their children at Connie's death, in year 2030, are \$2,970,171. The result is the children receive an estimated 45% of their assets remaining at Connie's death.



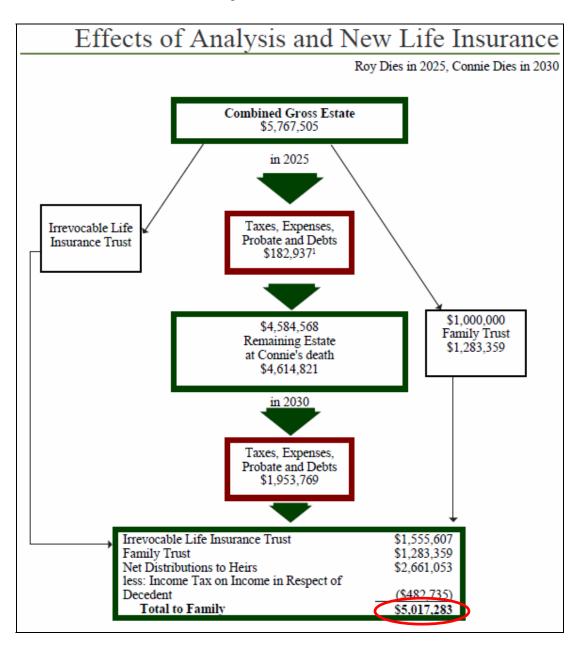
Proposed Strategy 1: Results

The "Effects of Additional Analysis" flowchart in the ETA presentation demonstrates how the proposed strategies reduce estate tax and other transfer costs without purchasing new life insurance. This flowchart shows net distributions to the children at Connie's death, in year 2030, are \$4,103,106. The value of all assets at Connie's death (\$6,641,357) is equal to the remaining estate at Connie's death (\$4,802,391), plus the amount of the Family Trust at Connie's death (\$1,283,359) and the value of the ILIT with the proceeds from existing insurance (\$555,607). The results are almost 62% of their estate at Connie's death is received by the children.



Proposed Strategy 2: Results

Estate planning strategies can reduce estate transfer costs, but in many cases, they do not eliminate all of them. The "Effects of Analysis and New Life Insurance" flowchart shows how new survivorship life insurance in the ILIT increases net distributions to the children at Connie's death to \$5,017,283. Also, the \$1,000,000 federal estate and income tax free death proceeds from the new survivorship life insurance provide additional liquidity to pay over 78% of the estimated estate taxes and expenses. The result is almost 78% of the assets in Roy and Connie's estate are received by their children at Connie's death. The information in this Flowchart can help Roy and Connie understand how much and why they need to purchase new survivorship life insurance to reduce their concerns and achieve their goals.



SUMMARY OF RESULTS

The Executive Summary in the ETA presentation is helpful to summarize the results of Roy and Connie's Estate Tax Analysis with the following information:

- a. Under Current Situation is a summary of the information provided by the Estrada's shown in blue;
- b. The Effects of Current Situation includes the total net distributions to their children after their deaths shown in red;
- c. The increases in the total net amounts to their children by implementing the proposed strategies with and without new life insurance shown in green.

	Execut	ive Summary
	for Roy Estrada, age 55	, and Connie Estrada, age 54
Current Situation		
This analysis uses the information you provided.		
Liquid Assets Retirement Plans Business	\$935,000 \$625,000 \$100,000	
Residences Your total value if death occured today:	\$1,050,000	\$2,710,000
Effects of Current Situation		
Using the estimated rates of return you provided, the combined gross estate in 2025 would be	\$6,087,905	
Assuming Roy dies in 2025, Estimated taxes, expenses, probate, and debts	\$191,556	
Assuming Connie dies in 2030, Estimated taxes, expenses, probate, and debts Income tax on income in respect of decedent ¹	\$3,092,570 \$484,521	
Shrinkage	\$3,768,647	
Total to family after both deaths Total distribution to family and charity Portion of the estate in 2030	\$2,970,171	\$2,970,171 45%
Proposed Strategy		
The proposed strategy, without the recommended ne increase the portion going to the family to	ew life insurance, would	\$4,103,106
The proposed strategy, including the recommended increase the portion going to the family to	new life insurance, would	\$5,017,283

Estate Tax Analysis Case Study

Additional Strategies And Considerations

ETA Basic Estate Planning Case Study Roth IRA Conversion

Client Goals and Concerns

Minimize Income Taxes. Roy and Connie are interested in simple strategies that may reduce the amount of income taxes the children will pay at their death, and possibly, during their retirement.

Proposed Strategy 3:

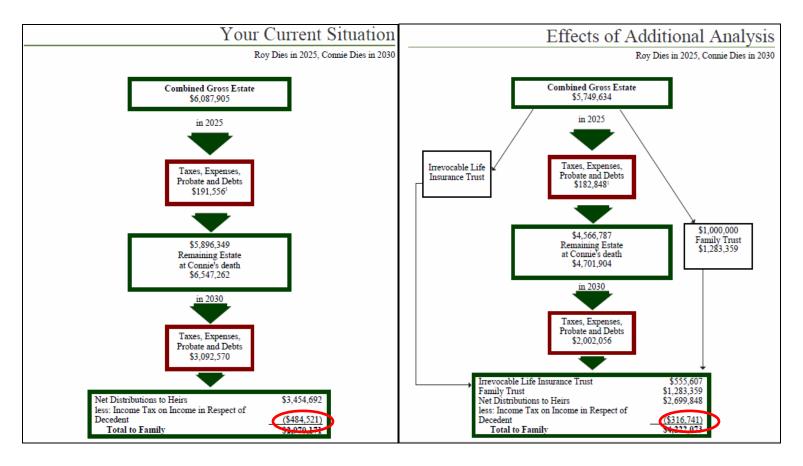
In 2011, Roy and Connie convert their traditional IRAs to Roth IRAs. The taxable amount of the traditional IRAs converted to Roth IRA is subject to income tax for tax year 2011, and any income taxes due will be paid in 2012. Roy and Connie can receive income tax free qualifying distributions after age $59\frac{1}{2}$, and they do not have to take required minimum distributions when they are $70\frac{1}{2}$. At their death, the children will also receive income tax free qualifying distributions.

Proposed Strategy 3: Quick Estate PlanFacts

OClick here to remove Proposed Roth IRA Conversions **Proposed Roth IRA** Plan Owner Convert to Roth IRA At Age Conv. Date Conversions ABC Inc. ClientA Do Not Convert Roy IRA Widget Inc ClientB Do Not Convert Convert Date: 1/1/2011 Roy IRA ClientA 01/01/2011 Convert Date Connie IRA Connie IRA ClientB Convert Date 01/01/2011 Convert Date: 1/1/2011 Assign ownership and print on behalf of another user: Select User Ready to Print Save Print Preview Final Client Print Print Planner Version

Proposed Strategy 3: Results

Roy and Connie do not have to take required minimum distributions from the Roth IRAs, so the value of the Roth IRAs may be higher at their death. At Connie's death, the qualified plans and the traditional IRAs (except for any after-tax amounts) are considered "Income in Respect of a Decedent" (also known as "IRD"). The children pay income taxes on the IRD when they receive withdrawals from the traditional IRAs and other qualified plans. In the ETA presentation, "Your Current Situation" flowchart shows the estimated amount of IRD income taxes paid by their children at Connie's death, in 2030, is \$484,521. The "Effects of Analysis" flowchart demonstrates how converting Roy and Connie's traditional IRAs to Roth IRAs reduce the estimated IRD income taxes paid by their children at Connie's death 2030 to \$316,741.



The Executive Summary shows the increases in the net amounts to the children by converting their traditional IRAs to Roth IRAs with and without new life insurance.

	Execu	tive Summar						
for Roy Estrada, age 55, and Connie Estrada,								
Current Situation								
This analysis uses the information you provided.								
Liquid Assets Retirement Plans Business Residences Your total value if death occured today:	\$935,000 \$625,000 \$100,000 \$1,050,000	\$2,710,000						
Effects of Current Situation								
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Proposed Strategy								
The proposed strategy, without the recommended net increase the portion going to the family to	w life insurance, would	\$4,222,073						
The proposed strategy, including the recommended n increase the portion going to the family to	new life insurance, would	\$5,132,823						

Alternative Roth Conversion Strategy

Alternative Proposed Strategy 3:

Roy and Connie want to convert their traditional IRAs to Roth IRAs. However, if they convert both of the traditional IRAs to Roth IRAs in 2011, they are concerned about reducing their other assets to pay the income taxes in 2012. As an alternative strategy, Connie converts her traditional IRA to Roth IRA in 2011, and after Roy's death, Connie (as surviving spouse) converts Roy's traditional IRA to Roth IRA. Roy keeps his existing life insurance policy, and Connie remains beneficiary at Roy's death. Connie uses the \$200,000 income tax free death proceeds from Roy's existing life insurance policy to pay the income taxes due on the conversion of Roy's traditional IRA to Roth IRA. The ETA presentation produced with the Quick Estate Plan Online Fact Finder demonstrates this alternative strategy with the following changes:

Existing Life Insurance

Roy Life Insurance \$200,000 Face Amount Insured-Roy Owner-Roy Beneficiary-Connie

No change Monthly Premium \$150 Type-Permanent

Proposed Scenarios

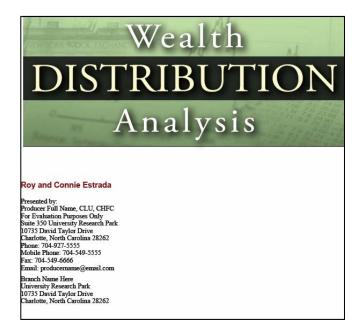
Proposed Roth IRA Conversions Roy IRA Convert Date: 2/1/2025 (Roy's death)

Connie IRA Convert Date: 1/1/2011

Other Considerations

Wealth Distribution Analysis (WDA)

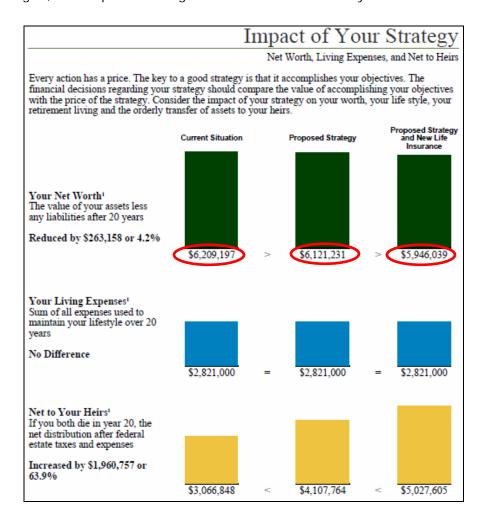
Roy and Connie want to know how the costs of the proposed strategies in the ETA presentation will affect their income and assets during their lifetime. A Wealth Distribution Analysis presentation will show the effect of the proposed strategies on their assets and cash flow to meet their needs during lifetime.



Prepare a Wealth Distributions Analysis presentation using the Wealth Distributions Online Fact Finder that will contain most of the same information entered on the Quick Estate Plan Online Fact Finder.



The WDA presentation page "Impact of Your Strategy" shows the effect of the Current Situation, Proposed Strategies, and Proposed Strategies with life Insurance on Roy and Connie's net worth.



The "Cash Flow Analysis – Outgoing Payments Vs. Expected Income" pages in the WDA presentation provide detailed information to show the Estrada's their Current Situation and the effect of the Proposed Strategies with New Life Insurance on the cash flow required to maintain their lifestyle.

	Cash Flow Analysis Outgoing Payments Vs. Expected Income Assumes Ray and Connie are both living Current Situation						Roy and Co			Insuran	Outgoi	h Flov ng Payment					
End of Year	Total Cash Flow Required	Income Di	Retirement Plan stributions	New Loan Proceeds	Liquid Assets Used for Cash Flow	Other Assets Used For Cash Flow	Net Assets Used For Cash Flow	Total Cash Flow Provided	End of Year	Total Cash Flow Required	Income D	Retirement Plan Distributions	New Loan Proceeds	Liquid Assets Used for Cash Flow	Other Assets Used For Cash Flow	Net Assets Used For Cash Flow	Total Cash Flow Provided
2010 2011 2012	\$76,627 309,917 317,036	\$96,000 384,840 385,715	\$0 0 0	\$0 0 0	\$0 0 0	\$0 0 0	\$0 0 0	\$76,627 309,917 317,036	2010 2011 2012	\$78,727 697,920 461,176	\$96,000 384,840 385,715	\$0 379,602 0	\$0 0 0	\$0 0 75,461	\$0 0 0	\$0 0 75,461	\$78,727 697,920 461,176
2013 2014	320,897 324,879	386,626 387,575	0	0 0	0	0 0	0 0	320,897 324,879	2013 2014	329,157 333,125	386,626 387,575	0	0	0	0	0	329,157 333,125
2015 2016 2017 2018 2019	328,986 333,222 337,592 342,098 346,747	388,564 389,595 390,669 391,789 392,957	0 0 0 0	0 0 0 0	0 0 0 0	0 0 0 0	0 0 0 0	328,986 333,222 337,592 342,098 346,747	2015 2016 2017 2018 2019	337,231 341,465 345,833 350,338 354,985	388,564 389,595 390,669 391,789 392,957	0 0 0 0	0 0 0 0	0 0 0 0	0 0 0 0	0 0 0 0	337,231 341,465 345,833 350,338 354,985
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2025 2026 2027 2028 2029	218,963 252,205 273,796 282,227 290,946	123,782 127,833 132,027 136,370 140,867	45,214 86,449 90,589 94,920 99,450	0 0 0 0	49,967 37,923 51,181 50,938 50,629	0 0 0 0	49,967 37,923 51,181 50,938 50,629	218,963 252,205 273,796 282,227 290,946	2025 2026 2027 2028 2029	227,054 253,430 271,648 279,510 292,931	123,782 127,833 132,027 136,370 140,867	30,585 57,678 60,440 63,329 66,352	0 0 0 0	72,687 67,919 79,182 79,811 85,713	0 0 0 0	72,687 67,919 79,182 79,811 85,713	227,054 253,430 271,648 279,510 292,931

Qualified Plan Distribution Analysis (QPDA)

ETA shows the effect on the estate of converting a traditional IRA to Roth IRA Roy and Connie want additional information before they make a decision to keep their traditional IRAs or convert to Roth IRAs. They are also concerned about the amount of income taxes they will have to pay for tax year 2011 if they convert all of their traditional IRAs to Roth. The QPDA Roth IRA conversion modules illustrate different options for converting a traditional IRA to Roth IRA. The QPDA illustrations show comparisons of keeping a traditional IRA and converting to Roth IRA. In addition, the QPDA Stretch Roth IRA module also shows how the children can continue a Roth IRA as an inherited Roth IRA, and receive income tax free qualified distributions over their lifetime.

