# A WEALTH ADVISOR'S GUIDE TO 2015



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#### What's Inside

Our **Wealth Advisor's Guide to 2015** is designed to help financial services professionals stay abreast of recent events that could have an impact on your most valued clients' financial situations. Inside you will find the following information:

- Legislative Outlook: A summary of key developments in Washington and potential impact of the 2014 mid-term elections
- **Top Wealth Planning Ideas for 2015:** Our very best thinking for helping wealthy families make the most of today's opportunities
- **Key Planning Limits:** A comprehensive summary of 2015 tax rate schedules, income tax deductions and exemptions and important limits for Social Security, Medicare, retirement, education, estate and gift tax and investment planning

We hope you will find the information helpful and are happy to answer any questions you may have.



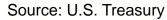
# LEGISLATIVE OUTLOOK



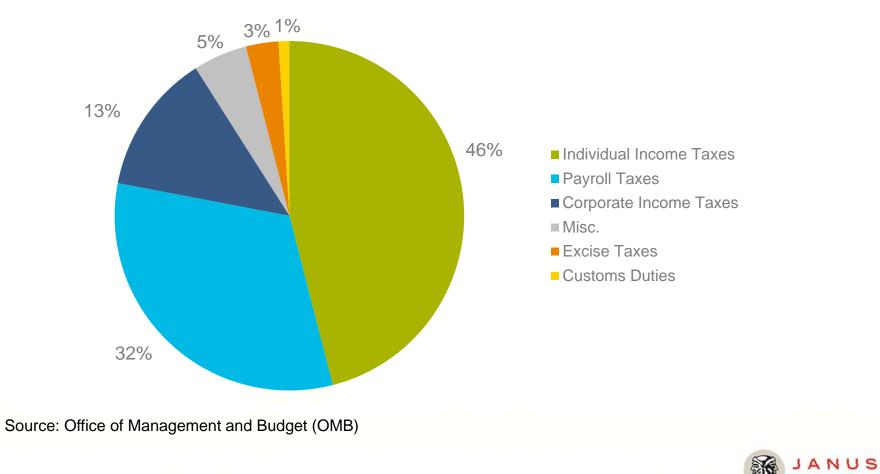
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# **Rising Debts, Shrinking Deficits**

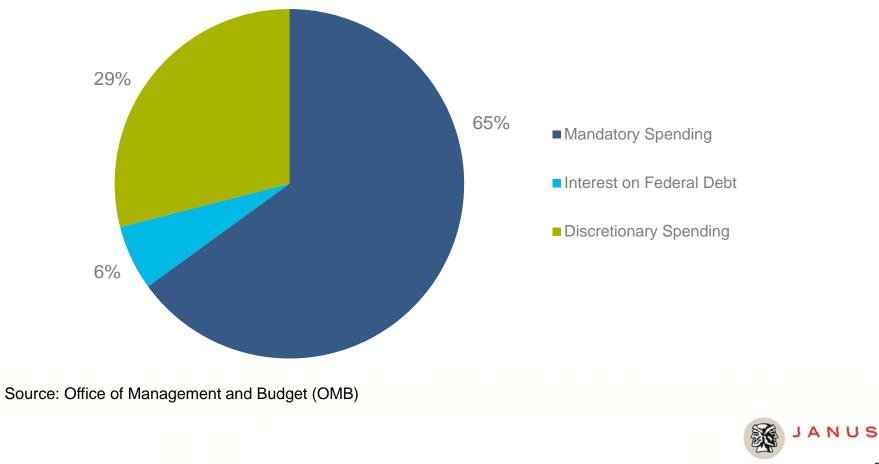




# **Projected Tax Revenue – Fiscal 2015**



# Projected Mandatory and Discretionary Spending – Fiscal 2015



### **Commanding Republican Victory in 2014**

#### Senate – Republicans from 45 to 54

- Flipped four open seats IA, MT, SD, WV
- Ousted 5 incumbents LA, AR, CO, NC and AK
- Held all three vulnerable seats GA, KS, KY

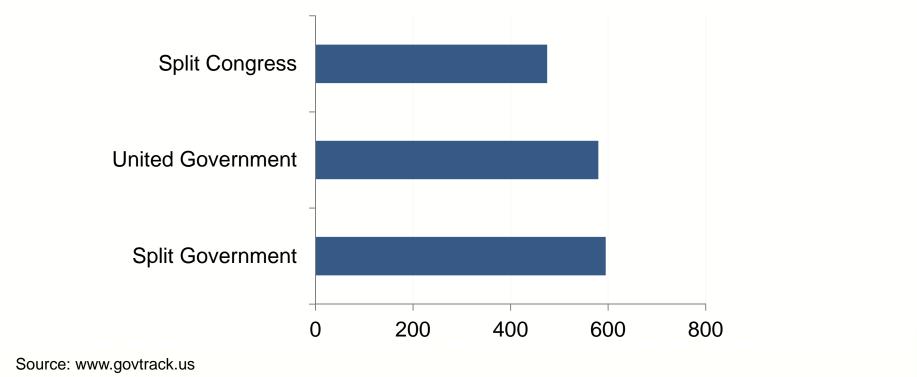
#### House

 Republicans netted 13 seats for a total of 247; the largest majority since the Hoover era



# Split Government Can Still Work

#### Average Amount of Legislation Passed per Congressional Session





## New Co-Chair of the House Ways and **Means Committee**

"At the end of the day we will reform this tax code because the status quo is completely indefensible"

"Tax reform will occur in 1 – 3 years"



U.S. Rep. Paul Ryan (R-WI)



### **Tax Reform Prospects**

Lower rates remain the holy grail

- Yet cutting expenditures remains a significant challenge
- "Don't touch my \_\_\_\_\_ deduction!"
- White House less engaged
  - May push corporate-only reform
- Political reality
  - Huge undertaking and very brief window before elections
  - Negative tone set early:
    - ACA (aka.Obamacare) lawsuit
    - Immigration executive order



# **Estimated Cost of Major Individual** Tax Expenditures – Billions of Dollars

Tax Expenditure	FY 2014 (billions)	FY 2015 (billions)	FY 2016 (billions)	FY 2017 (billions)
Exclusion of Employer-Sponsored Health Insurance	143	153	162	171
Exclusion of Net Pension Contributions and Earnings	109	120	135	147
Preferential Tax Rates on Capital Gains and Dividends	91	115	121	129
Deduction of Mortgage Interest	72	75	79	83
Earned Income Tax Credit	67	67	66	65
Child Tax Credit	58	58	59	59
Deduction of State and Local Taxes	52	55	59	62
Exclusion of Gains on Assets Transferred at Death	48	52	56	60
Deduction of Charitable Contributions	35	36	37	39
Exclusion of Untaxed Social Security Benefits	34	36	37	39

Source: Joint Committee on Taxation, February 2013



#### White House 2015 Budget Proposals

- Limitation on itemized deductions
- **Buffet Rule**
- Minimum required distributions:
  - Relief for small balances
  - Apply RMD rules to Roth IRAs
  - Eliminate "Stretch" provisions for certain beneficiaries ٠
- Cap retirement account accumulations
- Reintroduce 2009 gift and estate tax parameters:
  - Top rate of 45%, gift tax exclusion of \$1M and an estate tax ۲ exclusion of \$3.5M



# **TOP PLANNING IDEAS FOR 2015**



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### A Trio of New IRA Rulings

In *Clark v. Rameker*, the Supreme Court ruled that inherited IRAs do not receive the same protection as traditional and Roth IRAs under federal bankruptcy laws

- Seven states (AK, AZ, FL, MO, NC, OH and TX) have adopted laws exempting inherited IRAs under state bankruptcy statutes
- In *Bobrow v. Commissioner*, the U.S. Tax Court ruled that individuals are allowed only one 60-day rollover every 12 months, regardless of which IRA a distribution originated
  - The IRS will enforce the stricter rollover rule beginning in 2015
- In IRS Notice 2014-54, the IRS has reversed its earlier position and will now permit rollovers of employer plan before-tax balances to a traditional IRA and after-tax balances to a Roth IRA

## **Recent Developments Regarding** the **DOMA** Decision

- Following the Supreme Court's decision to strike-down Section 2 of the Defense of Marriage Act, the IRS confirmed that same-sex marriages lawfully performed in a U.S. state are valid under Federal tax law, regardless of where the couple resides
- According to the Social Security Administration, however, "The agency is required to follow state law"
  - The agency still suggests, "If you are in, or are a surviving spouse of, a same-sex marriage, we encourage you to apply right away for benefits"



### **Navigating the 3.8% Medicare Surtax**

Beginning in 2013, a 3.8% surtax applies on the lesser of 1) Net Investment Income (NII) or 2) the amount a taxpayers' modified adjusted gross income exceeds \$250,000 (married) or \$200,000 (single)

Net Investment Income generally includes all sources of unearned income with the exception of:

- Pension, qualified plan, traditional and Roth IRA distributions;
- Municipal bond interest; and
- Social Security retirement benefits



### The 3.8% Medicare Surtax: Additional Considerations

To arrive at NII, taxpayers may deduct investment advisory fees

- For trusts and estates, the 3.8% applies when NII exceeds \$12,300
- While retirement plan distributions are not subject to the 3.8% surtax, they do increase a taxpayer's modified adjusted gross income, potentially triggering the surtax on other sources of unearned income



# **Tax Efficient Saving Strategies**

#### Roth 401(k) contributions

- Diversifies an individual's tax position •
- 529 College Saving Plans
  - Considered a parental asset on the FAFSA
  - New: The Achieving a Better Life Experience Act of 2014 allows two investment changes per year rather than one
- Variable annuities
  - Tax-deferred growth for higher-income taxpayers
- Asset location
  - Could add 75 basis points to after-tax returns (Vanguard, Advisors' Alpha)



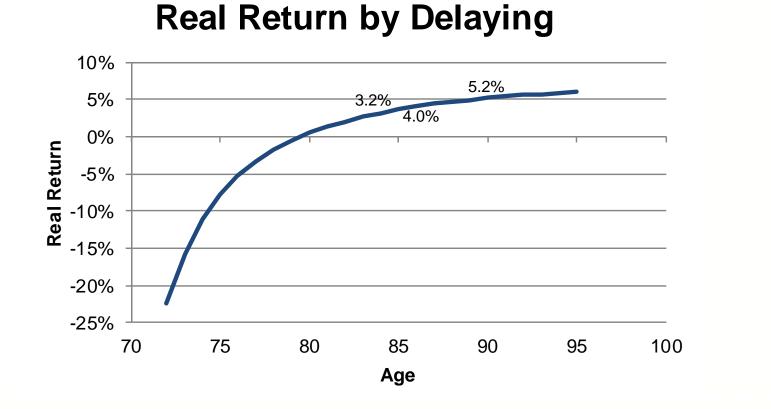
# A Tax Efficient Way to Purchase **Long-Term Care Insurance**

In 2015, individuals in a high-deductible health insurance plan may contribute up to \$3,350 (\$6,650 for family coverage) to a Health Savings Account (HSA)

- Individuals age 55 or older may contribute an additional \$1,000
- Deductibles must be at least \$1,300 (\$2,600 for family coverage) and the maximum out-of-pocket expenses cannot exceed \$6,450 (\$12,900 for family coverage)
- Contributions are tax-deductible and distributions for qualifying expenses, including long-term care insurance premiums (up to certain limits based on age), are tax-free



# In a Low Yield Environment, Delay Social Security Benefits



Source: Wade Pfau, April 2014



- Beginning in 2013, the phase-out of itemized deductions returned for higher income families
- In 2015, the phase-out begins at \$258,250 of AGI for single taxpayers and \$309,900 for married taxpayers
- Deductions are phased-out by 3% for every dollar of income above these thresholds, up to 80%
- Some clients mistakenly believe that there is no income tax benefit when making charitable contributions; this may or may not be true



#### **Case Study One**

- AGI: \$1,000,000
  Phase-out (rounded) \$21,000 (3% x \$700,000)
  Deductions:

   State income taxes: \$50,000
   Mortgage interest: \$20,000
   Property taxes: \$10,000
   Total: \$80,000
  - Deductions will be limited to: \$59,000 (\$80,000 \$21,000)
- 2015 tax liability (married): \$318,551



#### Case Study One cont.

AGI: \$1,000,000 \$21,000 (3% x \$700,000) Phase-out (rounded) Add charitable deduction: \$50,000 Total deductions: \$130,000 Deductions will be limited to: \$109,000 (\$130,000 - \$21,000) 2015 tax liability: \$298,751 Tax savings: \$19,800 (\$318,551 - \$298,751 or 39.6% x \$50,000)



#### Case Study Two

- AGI: \$1,000,000
  - Deductions:
    - State income taxes: \$0
    - Mortgage interest:
      \$0
    - Property taxes: <u>\$20,000</u>
    - Total: \$20,000
- Deductions will be limited to: \$4,000 (phase-out is limited to 80% x \$20,000)
- 2015 tax liability (married): \$340,331



#### Case Study Two cont.

- AGI: \$1,000,000
  - Add charitable deduction:
  - Total deduction: \$70,000
- Deductions will be limited to: \$49,000 (\$70,000 \$21,000)
- 2015 tax liability (married): \$322,511
- Tax savings:

\$17,820 (\$340,331 - \$322,511 or 35.64% x \$50,000)

\$50,000



### Estate Planning Now That the World has Changed

The American Taxpayer Relief Act of 2012 made two significant changes to the federal gift and estate tax:

- The applicable exclusion amount is \$5.43M in 2015 and will be indexed for inflation annually, and
- Spousal portability has been made permanent



### What is the Applicable Exclusion Amount?

The applicable exclusion amount (AEA) is the amount of assets that is allowed to pass to non-spouse recipients, either during life or at death, without incurring a gift or estate tax

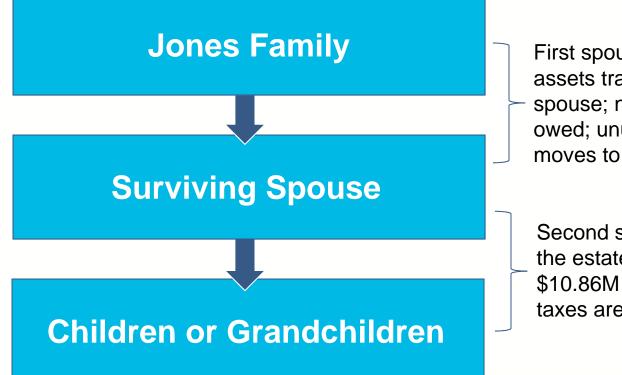


### What is Spousal Portability?

- Generally, unlimited assets are able to pass to a U.S. citizen spouse without gift or estate taxes either during life or at death, referred to as spousal portability
- Historically, unless the first spouse to die gifted or left assets equal to the applicable exclusion amount to a non-spouse recipient, the exclusion would be wasted
- Under spousal portability, any unused applicable exclusion amount by the first spouse can be transferred to the survivor, increasing the second spouse's applicable exclusion amount to \$10.86M in 2015



### **Case Study**



First spouse dies, all assets transfer to surviving spouse; no estate taxes are owed; unused exemption moves to survivor

Second spouse dies; if the estate is less than \$10.86M (2015), no estate taxes are owed



### What Do These Changes Mean?

- The higher applicable exclusion amount means that more families will avoid federal estate and gift taxes
- Spousal portability means that, for some families, the planning required to minimize taxes is simplified and less expensive
- More time and attention can be spent on the non-tax issues of estate planning



# How Can You Help Families Have **These Discussions?**

For many families, estate planning starts with addressing the:

- Who
- When
- What •
- How •



# Planning for Ultra Nigh-net-Worth (UHNW) Families: **Zeroed-Out GRATs**

- Low Section 7520 rates make Grantor Retained Annuity Trusts (GRATs) ideal vehicles for gifting purposes
- Case Study
  - Property Value = \$5,000,000
  - 7520 Rate = 2.2% as of August 2014
  - Term = 2 years
  - Annual payment required to grantor in order to avoid gift tax = \$2,582,799
  - Gift to trust beneficiaries at end of term:
    - If property appreciates at 5% = \$217,762
    - If property appreciates at 15% = \$1,059,482
    - If property appreciates at 25% = \$2,001,202



### **Planning for UHNW Families: CLTs**

Low Section 7520 rates make Charitable Lead Trusts (CLTs) ideal vehicles for gifting purposes

Case Study

- Property Value = \$1,000,000
- 7520 Rate = 2.2% as of August 2014
- Term = 10 years
- Annual payment made to charity in order to avoid gift tax = \$112,495
- Gift to trust beneficiaries at end of term:
  - If property appreciates at 5% = \$213,948
  - If property appreciates at 15% = \$1,761,497
  - If property appreciates at 25% = \$5,572,440



### **Excess Liability Coverage is Often Overlooked**

- Nationally, nearly one in every six jury awards for personal negligence tallied \$1M or more, and the average award was \$2,959,047\*
- Given the lifestyle of HNW clients, they likely need to work with a professional who can access specialized lines of coverage; consider finding a local resource that you can add to your virtual team

\* Toward Broader Coverage, Smart Business Magazine, 2006



# **KEY PLANNING LIMITS**



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# **2015 Tax Rate Schedules**

If Taxable Income is:		Then the Gross Tax	Then the Gross Tax Payable is:			
Over	But Not Over	Amount	Plus (percent)	Of the Amount Over		
Single Taxpayers (C	Other Than Surviving Spou	ses and Heads of House	holds)			
\$0	\$9,225	\$0	10%	\$0		
\$9,225	\$37,450	\$922.50	15%	\$9,225		
\$37,450	\$90,750	\$5,156.25	25%	\$37,450		
\$90,750	\$189,300	\$18,481.25	28%	\$90,750		
\$189,300	\$411,500	\$46,075.25	33%	\$189,300		
\$411,500	\$413,200	\$119,401.25	35%	\$411,500		
\$413,200		\$119,996.25	39.6%	\$413,200		
Married Individuals	(and Surviving Spouses) I	Filing Joint Return				
\$0	\$18,450	\$0	10%	\$0		
\$18,450	\$74,900	\$1,845	15%	\$18,450		
\$74,900	\$151,200	\$10,312.50	25%	\$74,900		
\$151,200	\$230,450	\$29,387.50	28%	\$151,200		
\$230,450	\$411,500	\$51,577.50	33%	\$230,450		
\$411,500	\$464,850	\$111,324	35%	\$411,500		
\$464,850		\$129,996.50	39.6%	\$464,850		

Source: IRS



#### **2015 Tax Rate Schedules**

f Taxable Inco	me is:	Then the Gross Ta	x Payable is:	
Over	But Not Over	Amount	Plus (percent)	Of the Amount Over
Heads of House	holds			
\$0	\$13,150	\$0	10%	\$0
\$13,150	\$50,200	\$1,315	15%	\$13,150
\$50,200	\$129,600	\$6,872.50	25%	\$50,200
\$129,600	\$209,850	\$26,722.50	28%	\$129,600
\$209,850	\$411,500	\$49,192.50	33%	\$209,850
\$411,500	\$439,000	\$115,737	35%	\$411,500
\$439,000		\$125,362	39.6%	\$439,000
Married Individu	als Filing Separate Returns			
\$0	\$9,225	\$0	10%	\$0
\$9,225	\$37,450	\$922.50	15%	\$9,225
\$37,450	\$75,600	\$5,156.25	25%	\$37,450
\$75,600	\$115,225	\$14,693.75	28%	\$75,600
\$115,225	\$205,750	\$25,788.75	33%	\$115,225
\$205,750	\$232,425	\$55,662	35%	\$205,750
\$232,425		\$64,989.25	39.6%	\$232,425
Fiduciary (Estate	es and Trusts) Taxpayers			
\$0	\$2,500	\$0	15%	\$0
\$2,500	\$5,900	\$375	25%	\$2,500
\$5,900	\$9,050	\$1,225	28%	\$5,900
\$9,050	\$12,300	\$2,107	33%	\$9,050
\$12,300		\$3,179.50	39.6%	\$12,300

Source: IRS



### **Income Tax Deductions and Exemptions**

	2015	2014	2013
Personal Exemption	\$4,000	\$3,950	\$3,900
Standard Deductions		1	
Single	\$6,300	\$6,200	\$6,100
Married filing jointly	\$12,600	\$12,400	\$12,200
Head of household	\$9,250	\$9,100	\$8,950
Married filing separately	\$6,300	\$6,200	\$6,100
Elderly and Blind Deductions			
Single	\$1,550	\$1,550	\$1,500
Married	\$1,250	\$1,200	\$1,200
Phase-Out of Itemized Deductions and Personal	Exemptions	• Factor 2 (1) 1 and 2 dec	• CONTRACTOR
Single	\$258,250	\$254,200	\$250,000
Married	\$309,900	\$305,050	\$300,000
Head of household	\$284,050	\$279,650	\$275,000
Married filing separately	\$154,950	\$152,525	\$150,000
Kiddie Tax			
Amount exempt from tax	\$1,050	\$1,000	\$1,000
Amount taxed at child's rate	\$1,050	\$1,000	\$1,000
Unearned income over this amount taxed at parent's rate	\$2,100	\$2,000	\$2,000
Adoption Credit			
Maximum credit	\$13,400	\$13,190	\$12,970
Phaseout amounts	\$201,010-\$241,010	\$197,880-\$237,880	\$194,580-\$234,580
AMT Exemption			
Single	\$53,600	\$52,800	\$51,900
Married filing jointly	\$83,400	\$82,100	\$80,800
AMT Exemption Phaseout			
Single	\$119,200	\$117,300	\$115,400
Married filing jointly	\$158,900	\$156,500	\$153,900

#### Source: IRS

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# **Social Security Planning**

	2015	2014	2013
Wage Base	\$118,500	\$117,000	\$113,700
FICA Tax – Employee	7.65%	7.65%	7.65%
Social Security portion	6.20%	6.20%	6.20%
Medicare portion	1.45%	1.45%	1.45%
FICA Tax – Self-Employed	15.30%	15.30%	15.30%
Social Security portion	12.40%	12.40%	12.40%
Medicare portion	2.90%	2.90%	2.90%
Additional Medicare Payroll Tax	.9%	.9%	.9%
Single	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$200,000
Joint	\$250,000	\$250,000	\$250,000
Quarter of Coverage	\$1,220	\$1,200	\$1,160
Earnings Limitations			
Under full retirement age (\$1 reduced for every \$2 earned)	\$15,720	\$15,480	\$15,120
Year of full retirement age (\$1 reduced for every \$3 earned)	\$41,880	\$41,400	\$40,080
Beginning the month of full retirement age	No limit on earnings	No limit on earnings	No limit on earnings
Cost of Living Adjustment	1.7%	1.5%	1.7%
Maximum Monthly Benefit	\$2,663	\$2,642	\$2,533
Percentage of Social Security Benefits Subject to Tax			
Single filers with combined income:			
less than \$25,000	0%	0%	0%
between \$25,000 \$34,000	50%	50%	50%
over \$34,000	85%	85%	85%
Joint filers with combined income			
less than \$32,000	0%	0%	0%
between \$32,000 \$44,000	50%	50%	50%
over \$44,000	85%	85%	85%

Source: IRS



### Medicare and Health Care Planning

	2015	2014	2013
Medicare Part A Monthly Premium Amounts			
40+ quarters of coverage	\$0	\$0	\$0
30-39 quarters of coverage	\$224	\$234	\$243
< 30 quarters of coverage	\$407	\$426	\$441
Medicare Part B Monthly Premium Amounts	\$104.90-\$335.70	\$104.90-\$335.70	\$104.90-\$335.70
Medicare Part A Hospital Insurance			'n
First 60 days – deductible	\$1,260	\$1,216	\$1,184
Next 30 days – per day	\$315	\$304	\$296
Next 60 days – per day	\$630	\$608	\$592
Skilled Nursing Benefits		,	
First 20 days–per day	\$0	\$0	\$0
Next 80 days – per day	\$157.50	\$152	\$148
Over 100 days – per day	All	All	All
Part B Deductible	\$147	\$147	\$147
Part D Deductible	\$320	\$310	\$325
Coverage Limit	\$2,960	\$2,850	\$2,970
Out-of-Pocket Threshold	\$4,700	\$4,550	\$4,750

### **Medicare and Health Care Planning**

	2015	2014	2013
Health Savings Account Limits			
Individual	\$3,350	\$3,300	\$3,250
Family	\$6,650	\$6,550	\$6,450
Catch up contribution (age 55 or older)	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000
Health Savings Account Minimum Deductible			
Individual	\$1,300	\$1,250	\$1,250
Family	\$2,600	\$2,500	\$2,500
Health Savings Account Maximum Out-of-Pocket	1	1	
Individual	\$6,450	\$6,350	\$6,250
Family	\$12,900	\$12,700	\$12,500
Long-Term Care Per Diem Limit	\$380	\$330	\$320
Long-Term Care Premium Deduction Limits		-	I
Age 40 or under	\$380	\$370	\$360
Age 41-50	\$710	\$700	\$680
Age 51-60	\$1,430	\$1,400	\$1,360
Age 61-70	\$3,800	\$3,720	\$3,640
Over age 70	\$4,750	\$4,660	\$4,550

Source: IRS

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#### **Retirement Plan Limits**

	2015	2014	2013
Elective Deferral Limits			
401(k), 403(b) and 457(b) plans	\$18,000	\$17,500	\$17,500
Catch-up contribution	\$6,000	\$5,500	\$5,500
SIMPLE IRAs	\$12,500	\$12,000	\$12,000
Catch-up contribution	\$3,000	\$2,500	\$2,500
Traditional and Roth IRAs Contribution Limits	\$5,500	\$5,500	\$5,500
Catch-up contribution	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000
Traditional IRA Deduction Phaseout for Active Partic	ipants		2
Single	\$61,000-\$71,000	\$60,000-\$70,000	\$59,000-\$69,000
Married filing jointly	\$98,000-\$118,000	\$96,000-\$116,000	\$95,000-\$115,000
Married filing separately	\$0-\$10,000	\$0-\$10,000	\$0-\$10,000
Spousal IRA	\$183,000-\$193,000	\$181,000-\$191,000	\$178,000-\$188,000

Source: IRS



#### **Retirement Plan Limits**

	2015	2014	2013
Roth IRA Contribution Phaseouts			
Single	\$116,000-\$131,000	\$114,000-\$129,000	\$112,000-\$127,000
Married filing jointly	\$181,000-\$191,000	\$181,000-\$191,000	\$178,000-\$188,000
Married filing separately	\$0-\$10,000	\$0-\$10,000	\$0-\$10,000
Maximum Includable Compensation	\$265,000	\$265,000	\$255,000
Defined Benefit Limit	\$210,000	\$210,000	\$205,000
Defined Contribution Limit	\$53,000	\$52,000	\$51,000
Highly Compensated Employees	≥\$120,000	≥\$115,000	≥\$115,000
Key Employee	≥\$170,000	≥\$170,000	≥\$165,000
SEP Minimum Compensation Limit	\$600	\$550	\$550

Source: IRS



# Estate and Gift Tax Planning

	2015	2014	2013
Annual gift exclusion	\$14,000	\$14,000	\$14,000
Estate tax applicable exclusion amount	\$5,430,000	\$5,340,000	\$5,250,000
Gift tax exclusion amount	\$5,430,000	\$5,340,000	\$5,250,000
Noncitizen spouse annual gift exclusion	\$147,000	\$145,000	\$143,000
GST exemption	\$5,430,000	\$5,340,000	\$5,250,000
Special use valuation limit (qualified real property in the decedent's gross estate)	\$1,100,000	\$1,090,000	\$1,070,000

Source: IRS



# **Education Planning**

	2015	2014	2013
Interest Exclusion on EE Saving Bonds	S		
Single phaseouts	\$77,200-\$92,200	\$76,000-\$91,000	\$74,700-\$89,700
Married filing jointly phaseouts	\$115,750-\$145,750	\$113,950-\$143,950	\$112,050-\$142,050
Coverdell Education Savings Account	Phaseout		
Single phaseouts	\$95,000-\$110,000	\$95,000-\$110,000	\$95,000-\$110,000
Married filing jointly phaseouts	\$190,000-\$220,000	\$190,000-\$220,000	\$190,000-\$220,000
Lifetime Learning Credit			
Maximum credit	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$2,000
Single phaseouts	\$55,000-\$65,000	\$54,000-\$64,000	\$53,000-\$63,000
Married filing jointly phaseout	\$110,000-\$130,000	\$109,000-\$129,000	\$107,000-\$127,000
American Opportunity Credit			
Maximum credit	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$2,500
Single phaseouts	\$80,000-\$90,000	\$80,000-\$90,000	\$80,000-\$90,000
Married filing jointly phaseout	\$160,000-\$180,000	\$160,000-\$180,000	\$160,000-\$180,000

Source: IRS



# **Education Planning**

	2015	2014	2013
Interest Deduction for Educational Loans			
Maximum deduction	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$2,500
Single phaseout	\$65,000-\$80,000	\$65,000-\$80,000	\$60,000-\$75,000
Married filing jointly phaseout	\$130,000-\$160,000	\$130,000-\$160,000	\$125,000-\$155,000
\$4,000 Higher Education Deduction		'	
Single AGI cutoff	N/A	\$65,000	\$65,000
Married filing jointly AGI cutoff	N/A	\$130,000	\$130,000
\$2,000 Higher Education Deduction			
Single phaseout	N/A	\$65,000-\$80,000	\$65,000-\$80,000
Married filing jointly phaseout	N/A	\$130,000-\$160,000	\$130,000-\$160,000

Source: IRS



# **Investment Planning**

	2015	2014	2013
Top Long-Term Capital Gain Rate	20%	20%	20%
Top Rate on Qualified Dividends	20%	20%	20%
Medicare Surtax on Net Investment Income	3.8%	3.8%	3.8%
Single taxpayers	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$200,000
Married taxpayers	\$250,000	\$250,000	\$250,000
Estates & Trusts	\$12,300	\$12,150	\$11,950

Source: IRS



# **RETIREMENT CAPABILITIES**



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