## Heckerling Highlights

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## Recent Developments

#### **Green Book Proposals**

- Realization of gains at death or upon gift
- Modified Income Tax Rules Grantor Trusts
  - GRATs changes
  - Realization events on transactions with grantor trusts
  - Gift tax on paying income tax of a grantor trust
- Comment Would take bipartisan support

#### **Priority Guidance Plan – IRS**

- Focus will be Inflation Reduction Act
- New Items in our area
  - Basis of assets in grantor trusts
  - QDOTs
  - Portability

#### **Treasury Updates**

Anti-Claw back rules – anti abuse provisions

New Life Expectancy Tables

 Proposed Regs under 2053 – Deductible Estate Administration Expenses

• Portability Extension – Rev. Proc. 2022-32

### Case Law

#### Cases

- Demuth Case Annual Exclusion Gifts
- Mellon Case Cryptocurrency Issues
- Parks Case Special Use Valuations
- Sorensen Case Wandry Type Clause
- PLR 202206008 & 202217005

# Inflation Adjusted Factors

#### **Factors**

- 7520 Rates 4.6% February 2023
- Short Term AFR 4.47% February 2023
- Mid Term AFR 3.82% February 2023
- Long Term AFR 3.86% February 2023
- Annual Exclusion \$17,000 2023
- Lifetime exemption \$12.92M per spouse 2023 (\$860K increase from prior year)

# Landmines with Gifts and Form 709

#### **Landmines with Gifts and Form 709**

- Circular 230
  - Definition of Tax Return Preparer IRC 7701(a)(36)
    - Signing and non-signing
      - Any preparer may be subject to penalties
  - We cannot consider/advise playing the audit lottery
  - What if there are errors in filing
    - Duty to inform the client something was incorrect on the filing

#### **Landmines with Gift and Form 709**

- Adequate disclosure IRC 6501
  - Purpose to start the statute of limitations
- Small missteps can cause major issues
  - Field Attorney Advice 20152201F
- Attachment of adequate disclosure statements?
- Need for qualified appraisals/valuations

# Planning with Installment Obligations

#### Planning with Installment Obligations

- Basics
  - Gross profit percentage (selling price less adjusted basis)
  - Default application of the installment method
  - Not Applicable to Dealer dispositions, hot assets, marketable securities, etc.
- Installment note term
  - Greater than life expectancy = private annuity
    - GCM 39503
- Interest Charge Rule 453A
  - \$5M threshold
  - Rate Short-Term AFR + 3% IRC 6621(a)(2)
- 453(b) Adjusted Basis of installment note increased by the gain increase

#### Planning with Installment Obligations

- Sales to IDGTs
  - Impact of toggling of grantor trust status
  - Impact of death

# Questions