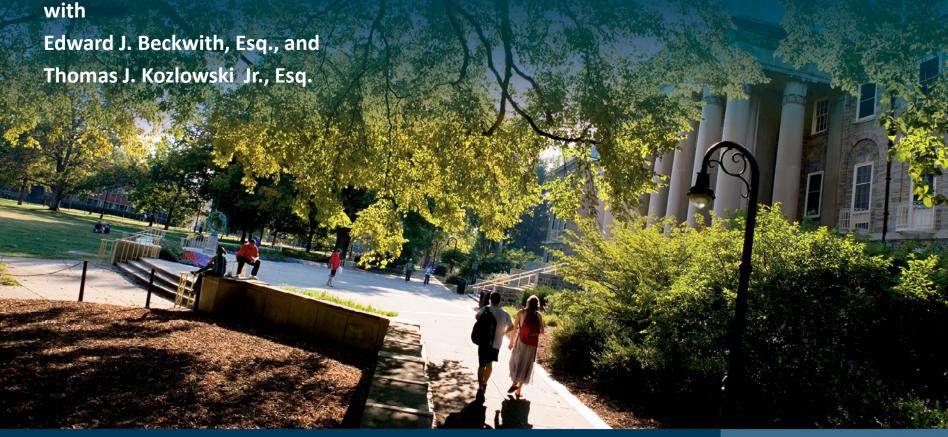
## Opportunities in Today's Environment Understanding Wealth Planning Strategies

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#### **Topics to be Covered**

- 1. Wealth transfer landscape today
- 2. Life income arrangements
- 3. Grantor trusts
- 4. Grantor retained annuity trusts (GRATs)
- 5. Intra-family loans/sales
- 6. Charitable lead annuity trusts

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# Wealth Transfer Landscape Today





## The Temporary "Tax Relief . . . Act of 2010"

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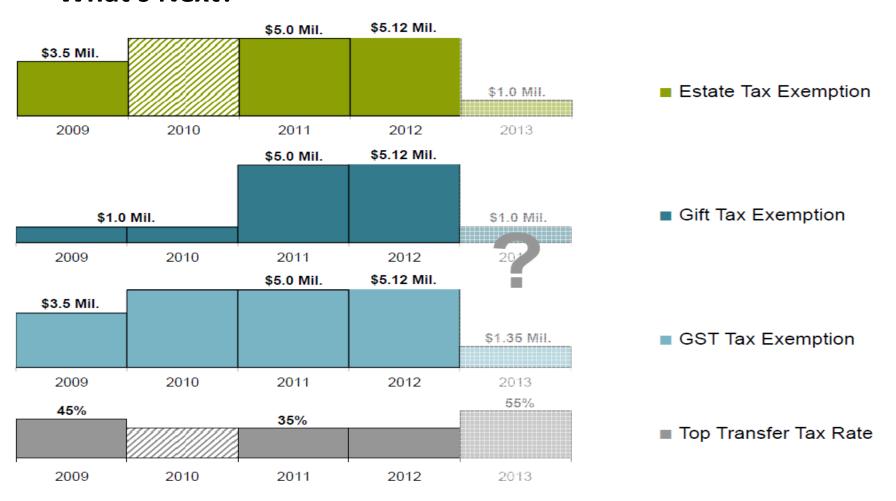
- Unification of Gift, Estate and GST Tax
- \$5.12 million Applicable Exclusion Amount
- 35% Maximum Rate
- Portability of "deceased spousal unused exclusion amount"
- Sunset in 2013

Tax Relief, Unemployment Insurance Reauthorization, and Job Creation Act of 2010, enacted December 17, 2010 ("TRA 2010")





#### What's Next?







## Should You Make A \$5 (\$10) Million Gift Now?

Why Yes? Why No?

GST exemption can be applied You can't afford it

Growth out of the estate Gifted asset might lose value

Grantor trust Lose step up at death

Avoid state death/inheritance Risk of recapture? tax





### The Real Risk Today . . .

What if you live far beyond your life expectancy?

What if inflation runs rampant?

What if you have a financial set back?

What if income tax rates rise dramatically and grantor trust tax liability goes up with it?

What if markets disappoint in the future?





#### **Longevity Plays Significant Role**



50% chance of living beyond

85

25% **92** beyond



50% chance of living beyond

88

25% 94 beyond



50% chance of living beyond

92

25% beyond

Source: Society of Actuaries RP-2000 Mortality Tables





#### President's Wealth Transfer Tax Wish List\*

- Reduce applicable exclusion amount:
  - \$3.5 million (not indexed) for estate and GST transfer tax
  - \$1.0 million for gift tax
- Increase transfer tax rate to 45%
- Eliminate or reduce valuation discounts
- Eliminate wealth transfer benefits of grantor trusts
- Limit short-term & "zero-out" GRATs
- Limit GST exemption ("Dynasty Trusts") to 90 years

<sup>\*</sup> General Explanations of the Administration's Fiscal Year 2013 Revenue Proposals, Department of Treasury, February 2012





### Life Income Arrangements

Charitable Remainder Annuity Trusts

Charitable Remainder Unitrust

Charitable Gift Annuities





#### **Grantor Trusts**

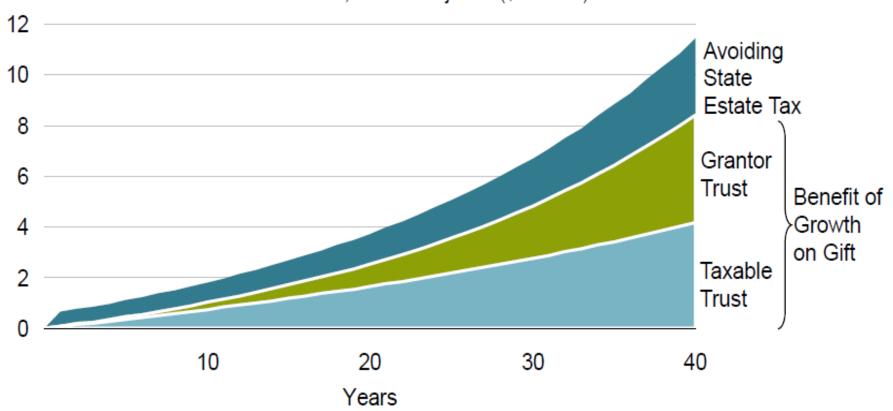




#### Leveraging the Benefit of a \$5 Million Gift

Benefit per \$5 Mil. Gift\*

Median, Inflation Adjusted (\$ Millions)







# Grantor Retained Annuity Trusts (GRATs)





- Lifetime transfer of cash or property in trust in exchange for an annuity
- Annuity is generally payable for a fixed term of years
- Whatever property remaining in trust after expiration of annuity term can benefit other family members, i.e. children
- Effective way to transfer "growth" at little or no transfer tax cost





### **Intra-Family Loans/Sales**



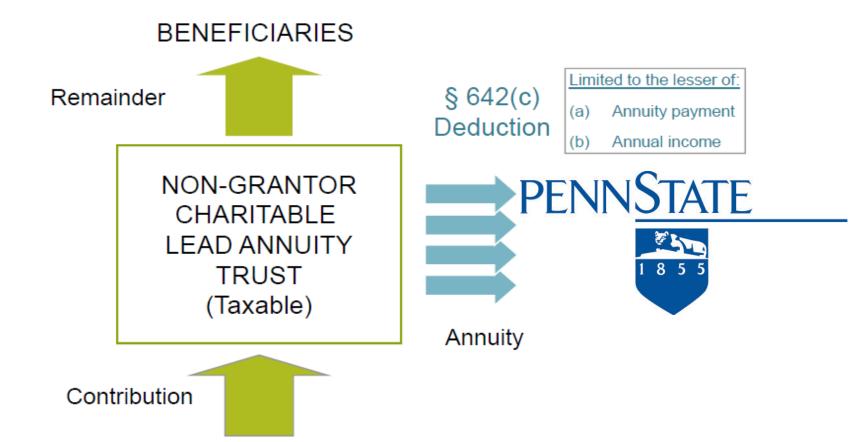


# Charitable Lead Annuity Trusts (CLATs)





#### **Non-Grantor Charitable Lead Trusts**



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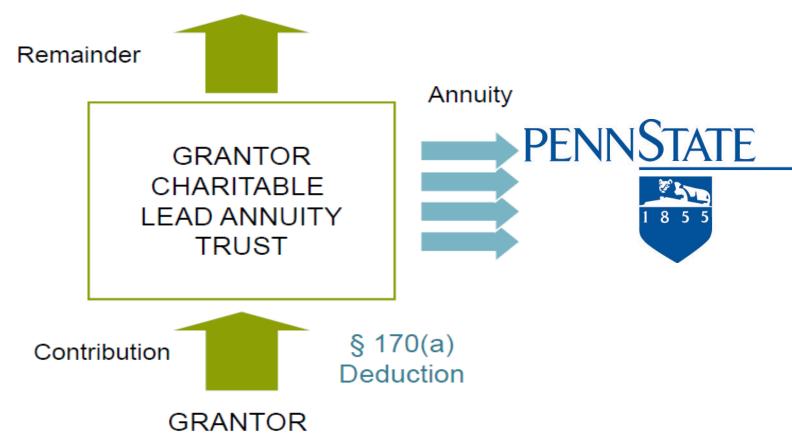
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## "Intentionally Defective" Grantor Charitable Lead Trusts

BENEFICIARIES



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#### **Questions, Thoughts & Comments**

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