Tax Information For Non-Tax Advisors

Doing Your Job Well

You are Not An Expert

- Unless You Are An Expert
- Be Careful
- Right Insurance

TCJA Information

- Personal Exemptions Gone
- Standard Deduction Increased
- SALT
- Home Equity Loans
- Miscellaneous Itemized Deductions
- Qualified Business Income Deduction
- Other Changes / Widesweeping

Hot Items

- Rollovers for clients separated from service after age 55 and they are less than 59.5 years old.
- Tax arbitrage Look for opportunities to accelerate income to take advantage of lower tax brackets of seniors who will pass on IRA funds to family who may be much larger tax brackets.

Capital Gains TCJA/SS

- Capital Gains Estimates
 - 0%, 15% or 20%
 - Don't forget 3.8% Medicare Tax
 - Social Security that is included in taxable income can be double up to 27.85%

199a Deduction - Be Careful

- Watch your accountant
 - You are an a Specified Service Business. If your income is over \$315,000 watch out of your tax preparer says you qualify 100%.

Schedule A

Advisory fees not deductible anymore

Charitable Givers over 70.5

- Clients that are taking RMD's can direct their distribution to a charity. This will not make it necessary to itemized to deduct the contribution from their income.
- Also the contribution is not used to calculate the taxability of Social Security.

Charitable Bundling

Clients can give to charity every other year or and bundle their contributions to maximize deductions.

Can use donor advised funds.