### TOP 10 IRA ROLLOVER MISTAKES

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# IRA-to-IRA Rollovers and Roth IRA-to Roth IRA Rollovers

USING 60-DAY IRA
ROLLOVERS INSTEAD
OF USING TRANSFERS
TO MOVE IRA FUNDS

IRS HAS NO AUTHORITY
TO CORRECT THESE
MISTAKES

NEW CLIENT ROLLOVER
MISTAKES - NOT ASKING
ABOUT PRIOR
ROLLOVERS

ONCE-PER-YEAR RULE IS
FOR ALL IRAS AND
ROTH IRAS

NOT KNOWING THE EXCEPTIONS TO THE ONCE-PER-YEAR IRA ROLLOVER RULE

### Non-Spouse Rollovers are NOT Permitted

NON-SPOUSE
BENEFICIARY CANNOT
DO A ROLLOVER

TAKING A LUMP-SUM DISTRIBUTION

PUTTING A DECEDENT'S
IRA FUNDS INTO YOUR
OWN IRA

PAYING OUT THE ENTIRE
IRA TO A TRUST
BENEFICIARY

### Spousal Rollovers

SPOUSAL ROLLOVER BEFORE AGE 59½

FORGETTING TO DO THE SPOUSAL ROLLOVER AT AGE 59½ NOT NAMING A
SUCCESSOR
BENEFICIARY OF THE
INHERITED IRA

## 401(k) Rollovers to IRAs

NOT REVIEWING ALL
OPTIONS (IRA
ROLLOVER IS NOT THE
ONLY OPTION.)

NOT FIRST ASKING
ABOUT THE NUA (NET
UNREALIZED
APPRECIATION) TAX
BREAK

RECEIVING A
DISTRIBUTION
PERSONALLY AND
BEING SUBJECT TO 20%
WITHHOLDING

ROLLING OVER HIGHLY
APPRECIATED
COMPANY STOCK
TO AN IRA

NOT KNOWING THE CREDITOR PROTECTION OF IRAS IN YOUR STATE

NOT ALLOCATING THE AFTER-TAX PORTION (BASIS) TO A ROTH IRA TAX FREE

### After-Tax Rollovers From Plans to IRAs and Roth IRAs

NOT BEING AWARE OF
THE ALLOCATION
RULES THAT ALLOW
THE TAX-FREE ROTH
CONVERSION OF
AFTER-TAX PLAN
FUNDS

FUNDS TO A
TRADITIONAL IRA
(RULES DO NOT
APPLY TO IRA
DISTRIBUTIONS)

FAILING TO
ALLOCATE PRE-TAX
AND AFTER-TAX
AMOUNTS TO THE
CORRECT ACCOUNT

CHOOSING TO RECEIVE ALL FUNDS PERSONALLY

# Roth Conversions (Technically IRA-to-Roth Rollovers)

NOT ADVISING ON THE INCOME IMPACT OF A ROTH CONVERSION (OTHER TAXES MAY BE TRIGGERED OR TAX BENEFITS LOST)

RMDS (REQUIRED

MINIMUM

DISTRIBUTIONS)

CANNOT BE CONVERTED

CHOOSING TO
RECEIVE ALL FUNDS
PERSONALLY

SIMPLE IRA CANNOT
BE CONVERTED
UNTIL AFTER 2 YEARS

INHERITED IRAS
CANNOT BE
CONVERTED, BUT
INHERITED COMPANY
PLAN FUNDS CAN

# In-Plan Roth Rollovers (401(k) to Roth 401(k) Conversions)

NOT ASKING IF IN-PLAN CONVERSIONS ARE AVAILABLE IN THE PLAN

NOT ESTIMATING THE TAXES DUE ON THE CONVERSION

NOT CHECKING FIRST IF
A ROTH IRA
CONVERSION IS
AVAILABLE

# Rollovers to Any Retirement Account (60-Day Rule)



NOT KNOWING
ABOUT THE SELFCERTIFICATION
PROCEDURES FOR
LATE ROLLOVERS

NOT KNOWING
ABOUT THE 20%
MANDATORY
WITHHOLDING FROM
PLANS

LOSING TRACK OF THE 60-DAY DEADLINE DEPOSITING THE FUNDS INTO A NON-IRA ACCOUNT

CHOOSING A 60-DAY
ROLLOVER INSTEAD
OF A TRANSFER

# QDRO Rollovers in Divorce (From Plans Only) to Ex-Spouse as Alternate Payee

ROLLING OVER ALL OF A
QDRO (QUALIFIED
DOMESTIC RELATIONS
ORDER) DISTRIBUTION TO
AN IRA AND THEN TAKING
AN IRA DISTRIBUTION
BEFORE AGE 59 1/2

REMEMBER! A QDRO
DISTRIBUTION IS A 10%
PENALTY EXCEPTION, BUT
ONLY ON DISTRIBUTIONS
FROM THE PLANS!

NOT KNOWING THAT
AN IRA ROLLOVER
VOIDS THE 10%
PENALTY EXCEPTION

NOT KNOWING THAT QDROS DO NOT APPLY TO IRAS

## Rollovers From IRAs Back to Plans

ROLLING OVER BASIS
INTO THE COMPANY
PLAN

ONLY PRE-TAX
FUNDS CAN BE
ROLLED TO THE PLAN

NOT ASKING IF YOUR
PLAN ACCEPTS IRA
ROLLOVERS

NOT FIRST CHECKING
PLAN RESTRICTIONS ON
ACCESSING FUNDS
(FUNDS ARE NOW
SUBJECT TO PLAN RULES.)

FAILING TO CONVERT REMAINING IRA BASIS TO A ROTH IRA

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