

# **PLANNING CHECKLIST**

Your thoughtful review of the items below will help you determine if you need to initiate an in-depth review of your financial affairs.

Answer "yes" to any of these questions and a review may be needed.

Answer "yes" to several of these questions and you may need to take action immediately.

## **Changes in Your Family**

**Yes**    **No**

Has a member of the family become married, divorced, separated or is seriously contemplating such action?

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Is a child or grandchild expected or has been born, adopted or acquired by marriage recently?

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Has a parent, child or grandchild passed away or become terminally ill recently?

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## **Health Changes**

**Yes**    **No**

Has your health or that of your spouse changed sufficiently enough to affect your planning, lifestyle or attitudes?

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Have you or your spouse, parent, child or grandchild become incapacitated, handicapped or seriously injured and needs or will need special care?

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**Lifestyle Changes**

**Yes**      **No**

Would you like to understand what financial impact retirement will have on you?      \_\_\_\_\_

Do you expect to change your residence due to transfer, retirement or a personal relocation?      \_\_\_\_\_

Do you plan to travel extensively during the next year?      \_\_\_\_\_

Do you plan to live elsewhere for part of the year?      \_\_\_\_\_

Are you considering changing your plans for retirement?      \_\_\_\_\_

Are you considering the acquisition of a retirement or vacation home?      \_\_\_\_\_

**Investment Portfolio**

**Yes**      **No**

Do you know if your portfolio is appropriate?      \_\_\_\_\_

Does your investment portfolio need analysis?      \_\_\_\_\_

Are you satisfied with the investment returns you have been getting?      \_\_\_\_\_

Have you realized significant capital gains/losses for this year?      \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have more than 20% ownership in one investment (mutual fund, stock options, partnership, business, etc.)?      \_\_\_\_\_

Would you like to consider alternatives for investment of your liquid assets (i.e, Money Market, T-bills)?      \_\_\_\_\_

Are you interested in becoming informed about 529 College Plans for your children or grandchildren?      \_\_\_\_\_

Are you interested in learning about tax efficient investing?      \_\_\_\_\_

**Changes in Assets****Yes**      **No**

Has the value of some of your assets changed significantly in the last year?      \_\_\_\_\_      \_\_\_\_\_

Have you or are you considering acquiring or disposing of real estate holdings?      \_\_\_\_\_      \_\_\_\_\_

Have you received or do you expect to receive an inheritance in the near future?      \_\_\_\_\_      \_\_\_\_\_

Do you anticipate receipt of a substantial bonus or other employee benefits?      \_\_\_\_\_      \_\_\_\_\_

**Employer Plans****Yes**      **No**

Have you increased or decreased your percentage of contributions to your retirement plan or do you wonder if you should?      \_\_\_\_\_      \_\_\_\_\_

Have you exercised stock options or made thrift plan withdrawals?      \_\_\_\_\_      \_\_\_\_\_

Have you received or do you expect to receive a lump sum distribution from a 401(k) or pension plan because of a buy-out, retirement or layoff?      \_\_\_\_\_      \_\_\_\_\_

Do you know how to select the investment choices available to you in your employer provided retirement plan?      \_\_\_\_\_      \_\_\_\_\_

**Life Insurance****Yes**      **No**

Do you have questions about whether or not you should add or reduce your life insurance?      \_\_\_\_\_      \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have questions about the type of life insurance you should have?      \_\_\_\_\_      \_\_\_\_\_

Are the beneficiary arrangements for your life insurance correct and tax efficient?      \_\_\_\_\_      \_\_\_\_\_

**Other Insurance**

**Yes No**

Would you like to understand long-term care insurance for yourselves and/or your parents including the costs and options available to you?

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Is your disability income insurance coverage adequate?

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**Estate Planning**

**Yes No**

Do you have questions concerning estate planning?

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Do you know how estate taxes are calculated?

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Do you know whether or not your estate is arranged such that a minimal amount of estate tax will be owed?

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Would you like to consider making gifts of property or cash to minor or adult children, grandchildren or other family members?

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Would you like to learn about how you can use a charitable gift to provide an income for life to you and your spouse?

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Do you need a referral to an attorney to update your Will, Trust, Power of Attorney or Living Wills?

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**Business Interests**

**Yes No**

Do you own a business?

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Do you have a succession in place if you retire, become incapacitate or die?

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Have you or do you expect to sell or acquire a business?

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Do you need to establish a retirement plan for your business?

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Do you need a review of your executive benefits?

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Do you need to review your benefit plans including your retirement plan?

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