Guide to Preserving Wealth and Reducing Taxes

Financial Wealth Building Framework

→ Your [free] step-by-step guide to building a smooth and tax-efficient wealth transfer plan for your family. Learn how to preserve assets, minimize estate taxes, and create a lasting legacy with confidence.

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Free Consultation

Introduction

Financial Wealth Building Framework

A smart guide to protect assets and pass wealth efficiently to the next generation.

1. Strategic Tax Planning
2. Asset Protection & Structuring
3. Legacy & Wealth Transfer

Who it's for?

High-net-worth South Carolinians seeking compliant, tax-efficient wealth management to preserve and grow multigenerational wealth with expert accounting support.

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My Why

I help clients turn smart annual tax strategies into lasting generational wealth to empower the next generations' financial well-being.

Wealth isn't built in a single year—it's built year by year, through disciplined tax strategy and informed financial decisions. My focus is helping clients use each annual tax season as a strategic opportunity to strengthen their long-term financial position and prepare the next generation for success. Using a collaborative approach to ensure every element of a client's financial plan works together with purpose and precision.

Whether guiding a business owner through succession planning or helping a family design their legacy, my goal remains the same: to transform annual tax planning into a lifelong framework for growing, preserving, and passing on wealth with confidence and clarity.

Results

For Individuals and Families

- Lower overall tax burdens through proactive, year-round planning.
- Turn annual savings into investments that grow across generations.
- Coordinate with estate, insurance, and investment advisors for a unified plan.
- Preparing life transitions-retirement, inheritance, education funding with clarity
- Build confidence that each tax decision supports future wealth.

For Business Owners

- Reduce tax exposure and unlock capital for growth and reinvestment.
- Align personal and business strategies to create enduring value.
- Structure entities and compensation for flexibility and long-term advantage.
- Strengthen succession and exit plans while preserving wealth.
- Transform annual filings into strategic milestones that build momentum year after year.

Recognitions

Top 100 Accounting Influencers in South Carolina by SC Association of CPAs
CFO of The Year (2016 and 2018) by Charleston CFO Council
Honorary Degree in Civic Engagement by The Citadel
Certified Global Management Accountant by American Institute of CPAs

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How does it work

This guide for building a tax-efficient wealth strategy covers key components to grow, protect, and transfer your assets with purpose. Learn how to maximize financial efficiency, reduce tax exposure, and create lasting generational wealth for your family's future.

Personal & Financial Organization

- [ ] I've established a secure location for essential financial records, account credentials, and other key documents, and my executor knows how to access them.
- [ ] My spouse, partner, or designated representative is informed and up to date on our overall financial position and estate intentions.
- [ ] I routinely revisit my estate plan to ensure it aligns with current goals, family circumstances, and tax regulations.

Estate Structure & Family Protection

- [ ] My estate plan utilizes available spousal deductions and exemptions to minimize potential estate tax exposure.
- [ ] My spouse's and my estate strategies are coordinated to maximize both of our federal and state tax exclusions.
- [ ] I've implemented safeguards to manage how and when assets are distributed, addressing issues such as divorce, spendthrift concerns, or other sensitive family matters.
- [ ] Provisions are in place to ensure children from prior relationships are included in my long-term wealth transfer strategy.
- [ ] I've created plans for passing wealth to grandchildren, including dedicated funds for education and future opportunities.

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Estate Structure & Family Protection (continued)

- [ ] My life insurance coverage effectively supports both financial protection and estate planning objectives.
- [ ] An irrevocable life insurance trust (ILIT) has been established to manage policy proceeds and minimize estate inclusion.
- [ ] For any family member with a disability, I've created a trust that protects their eligibility for government benefits.
- [ ] Beneficiaries are properly designated on all retirement accounts and financial institutions to ensure smooth transitions.

Strategic Gifting & Trust Planning

- [ ] I've developed a gifting approach that fully utilizes the annual exclusion limits during my lifetime.
- [ ] Appropriate trusts are in place to receive property and assets that qualify for the gift tax exclusion.
- [ ] My advisors and I have identified assets with strong appreciation potential for strategic lifetime transfers.
- [ ] We've reviewed opportunities for charitable trusts and philanthropic giving as part of my tax and estate strategy.
- [ ] A formal gifting plan has been designed to balance generosity with long-term tax efficiency.

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Legacy & Philanthropy for High-Net-Worth Families

- [ ] My charitable and philanthropic goals are integrated with my investment, tax, and estate strategies.
- [ ] I actively communicate my legacy wishes and values with heirs, trustees, and key advisors to ensure continuity.
- [ ] An independent trustee or advisor is appointed to guide my family and oversee implementation of my estate vision.
- [ ] A private family foundation has been created to sustain charitable initiatives and engage future generations in community leadership.
- [ ] My advisory team and I regularly evaluate advanced trust and charitable planning strategies to ensure optimal outcomes.
- [ ] Trusts are structured to transfer wealth tax-efficiently across generations while maintaining an appropriate level of control.
- [ ] I've explored multiple family gifting options and understand their respective advantages and limitations.
- [ ] My charitable giving plan includes lifetime, testamentary, and legacy-based contributions aligned with my personal mission and family values.

Let’s Connect

Doug Snyder CPA

Knowledgeable, Approachable, Trustworthy

"Doug Snyder has been strategic consultant and CPA for our business last 20 years. He guided our strategic planning process for business continuation and succession and was essential in development and execution of several complex bank refinancing deals. He works closely with owners on developing tax savings activities and provides trusted direction on FASB compliance. Doug is easy to approach, knowledgeable and very forward thinking in terms of implementing new strategies or latest technology. He has been invaluable asset to our business and our management team."
– Kruno Cerovecki

Exceptional, Timely Service

“Doug Snyder has guided our business and tax strategies for over 20 years. He has prepared our tax returns as well as filed financial reports with banks for us. He is very approachable, knowledgeable and professional. He provides exceptional, timely service for even our smallest requests.”
– Karen Brown

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