You Inherited An IRA... Now What?

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"The most sweeping retirement legislation in a long time"

Changes specific to IRAs:

- ➤ You can contribute to an IRA beyond age 70½ (must have earned income)
- RMD's moved from age 70½ to age 72 (if you turn age 70½ in 2020 or later)
- Inherited IRAs must be fully distributed within 10 years (some exceptions apply)
 - ✓ Includes inherited Roth IRAs (no tax on the Roth distributions)
 - ✓ No more "*stretching*" over beneficiary's life expectancy (*some exceptions apply*)



Projected Value

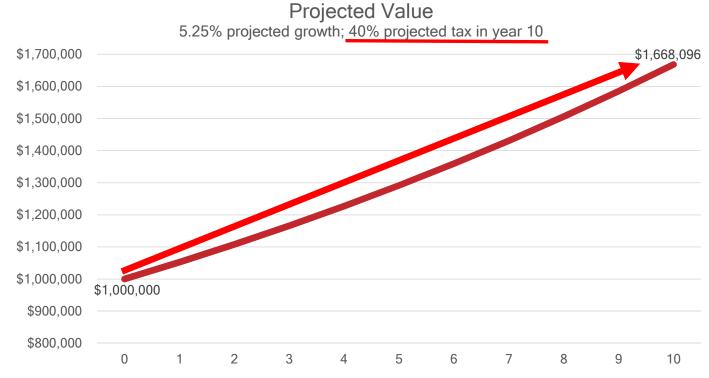
5.25% projected growth; 40% projected tax in year 10

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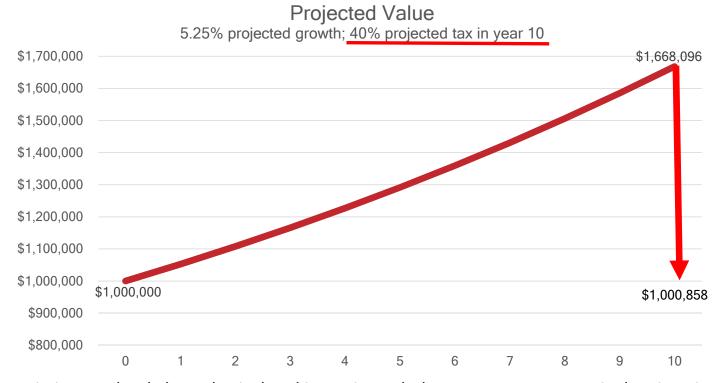




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- Inherited IRAs must be fully distributed... and taxed... within 10 years
- No more "*stretching*" (some exceptions apply)
- B. Lump-sum taxes in the 10th year could be significant:
 - A significant 1-year increase in AGI... IRA value could nearly double!
 - You could be pushed into a higher marginal tax rate
 - Could lose 35% 40% to Federal income taxes
 - Could lose even more to State income taxes
- C. What are you gonna do with the \$\$\$ after you pay the taxes?
 - Reinvest it into your Non-Qualified portfolio?
 - Keep paying taxes on the growth for the rest of your life?



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Everything you convert gets taxed, but...

You may never pay tax on it again!

Your beneficiaries may not pay tax on it, either!

Why don't people convert?



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IRA <u>owners</u> <u>can</u> convert to a Roth IRA, but...

IRA <u>beneficiaries</u> <u>CANNOT</u> convert to a Roth IRA

Is there another way?



3 Easy Steps:

- 1. 10 equal annual distributions to liquidate the Inherited IRA
- 2. Apply after-tax distributions as premiums to a Life Insurance Policy
- 3. Compare the results



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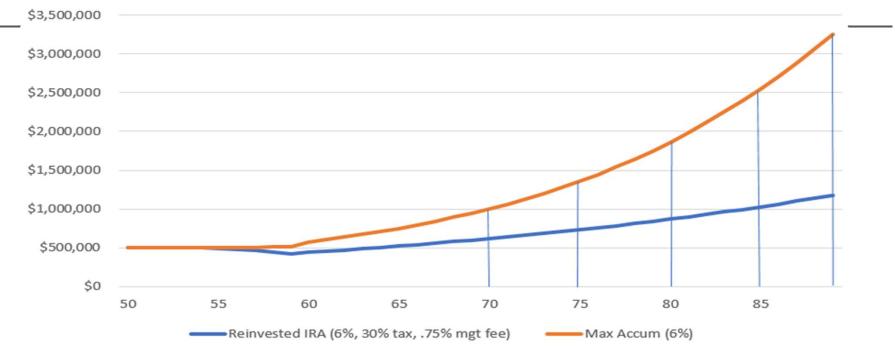


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- 1. Your inherited IRA is a windfall, but...
 - TAXES, TAXES, and more TAXES!
- 2. As an IRA Beneficiary, you must pay taxes on the entire account balance (just like you'd have to do for a Roth Conversion), but you cannot "convert" those Inherited IRA distributions to a Roth IRA.
- 3. Consider doing a "Life Insurance Conversion"!





Advantages Of Life Insurance

Look At The Benefits:

- ✓ The client obtains additional life insurance death benefits to protect themselves and their loved ones
- ✓ After the Inherited IRA has been distributed and taxed, the beneficiary protects the inheritance from future taxation on growth & distributions during their lifetime, AND when their beneficiaries inherit the death benefit
- Client has significant flexibility to access the money, but doesn't have to (there are no required distributions)
- Advisor has a meaningful recommendation for the client, and builds credibility through the "value added"
- ✓ Advisor generates meaningful revenue in exchange for their planning expertise





Where Do We Go From Here?

Next Steps... Implementation

- 1. During portfolio reviews with clients between age 40 60, ask:
 - "Did your parents recently pass away, or do you expect them to pass away in the near future?"
 - If "yes" ask: "Did (or will) you inherit an IRA from them?"
 - Begin preparing for the opportunity!
- 2. Identify current clients in their 70's and 80's that have IRA assets that they're leaving to their kids... begin this conversation.
 - Get introduced to their children and grandchildren





Questions?



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