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THINGS TO CONSIDER



When Inheriting Appreciated Assets

In order to understand the implications of inheriting assets, it is important to know the beneficiary's relationship to the deceased, the type of asset(s) they are receiving and the tax treatment of those assets.

In general, with the exception of retirement accounts, inherited assets receive a step-up in basis on the owner's date of death – but there are situations that could be taxable to the beneficiary, so one should always know all the facts before making decisions. There are things you need to consider.

Ideally, we want to transfer assets from one person to the next with the least amount of expense, time, complexity and taxation. Knowing who receives what and when they should have access to the funds are paramount in best planning strategies.

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IMPORTANT THINGS TO CONSIDER WHEN INHERITING APPRECIATED ASSETS

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What is your relationship to the deceased as that will determine taxation and options?

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What type of asset(s) are you inheriting?

- Cash
- Securities
- Art or Collectibles
- Retirement Accounts
- Real Estate
- Life Insurance or Annuities
- Interest in Trust

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How will you receive the assets: By what route is the asset coming to you?

- Beneficiary Designation
- Trust
- Will

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Are you entitled to an income through survivorship benefits?

- Pension
- Social Security
- Qualified Retirement Plan Distributions