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Mortgage \& Real Estate Taxation


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## Learning Objectives

$\checkmark$ Mortgage interest deduction
$\checkmark$ How tax basis works and why it matters
$\checkmark$ How to make better use of the primary residence exclusion to the capital gains tax
$\checkmark$ How the $3.8 \%$ investment tax works
$\checkmark$ How the capital gains tax works
$\checkmark$ How rental income, depreciation, capital gains, and capital losses are taxed on investment properties
$\checkmark$ How the gift tax works
$\checkmark$ How to make better use of the annual and lifetime exclusions to the gift tax
$\checkmark$ Private loans between family members

# Are Your Clients Better or Worse Off Because of You? 

## Don't Give Clients <br> Tax Advice.



## Understand <br> the Language of Financial Advisors \& CPAs

$\checkmark$ Solve problems for CPAs and financial advisors that other real estate agents don't know how to solve
$\checkmark$ Help clients avoid bad ideas that put them in a worse tax situation
$\checkmark$ Avoid legal liability

## 2023 Marginal Tax Brackets

Married Filing
Jointly
Married Filing
Separately

Head of Household

| $10 \%$ | Up to $\$ 11,000$ | Up to $\$ 22,000$ | Up to $\$ 11,000$ | Up to $\$ 15,700$ |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $12 \%$ | $\$ 11,001-$ | $\$ 22,001-$ | $\$ 11,001-$ | $\$ 15,701-$ |
| $22 \%$ | $\$ 44,725$ | $\$ 89,450$ | $\$ 44,725$ | $\$ 59,850$ |
|  | $\$ 44,726-$ | $\$ 89,451-$ | $\$ 44,726-$ | $\$ 59,851-$ |
| $24 \%$ | $\$ 95,375$ | $\$ 190,750$ | $\$ 95,375$ | $\$ 95,350$ |
|  | $\$ 95,376-$ | $\$ 190,751-$ | $\$ 95,376-$ | $\$ 95,351-$ |
| $32 \%$ | $\$ 182,100$ | $\$ 364,200$ | $\$ 182,100$ | $\$ 182,100$ |
| $35 \%$ | $\$ 182,101-$ | $\$ 364,201-$ | $\$ 182,101-$ | $\$ 182,101-$ |
| $37 \%$ | $\$ 231,250$ | $\$ 462,500$ | $\$ 231,250$ | $\$ 231,250$ |
|  | $\$ 231,251-$ | $\$ 462,501-$ | $\$ 231,251-$ | $\$ 231,251-$ |
|  | $\$ 578,125$ | $\$ 693,750$ | $\$ 346,875$ | $\$ 578,100$ |
|  | $\$ 578,126$ or more | $\$ 693,751$ or more | $\$ 346,876$ or more | $\$ 578,101$ or more |

Note: Tax brackets change frequently. Consult a CPA for details.

## \$250,000 income

- \$20,000 tax deduction


## Tax <br> Deduction

\$230,000 taxable income

## Tax Deduction <br> = <br> Percentage Off Coupon

Marginal Tax Bracket: Ink That Tells You Your \% Off


## After-Tax Expense

## \$20,000 Interest Expense

\$4,800 Tax Benefit (24\% Discount x \$20,000)
(= equals)
\$15,200 After-Tax
Mortgage Interest Expense

## After-Tax Rate

### 6.5 Interest Rate

## (- minus)

## \%

## (= equals)

4.94 After-Tax

Mortgage Interest Rate

## After-Tax Formula

1.00

- 0.24 (tax bracket expressed as decimal)
0.76 (multiplier)


## After-Tax Interest Rate Formula

## Interest Rate $\times$ Multiplier $=$

Net After-Tax Rate

6.5 tax deductible rate
x 0.76 Multiplier
4.94 after-tax rate

# After-Tax Interest Expense Formula 

## Interest Expense $\times$ Multiplier =

 Net After-Tax Expense\$20,000 tax deductible expense
x 0.76 Multiplier
\$15,200 after-tax expense

## Standard Deduction

$\checkmark$ Note: taxpayers who use the standard deduction don't benefit from itemized deductions like mortgage interest or property taxes. Please see IRS Publication 501 for more details.


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| Notes |
| :--- |
| *Interest rates are subject to change at any time |
| *This illustration is NOT a Loan |
| Estimate (LE). This is being provided as |
| ant indication of interest rates and payments |
| associated with the referenced loan scenarios |
| *Should you decide to apply with Fairway Independen |
| Mortgage Company, a LE will be issued within |
| 3 business days of application. This LE |
| will include all charges associated with your |
| loan application including escrow amounts, |
| pre-paid interest, and all other settlement |
| service charges. This Esttimate can change |
| at any time. |
| *Neither Fairway, nor I are tax advisors, please conn |
| your tax specialist to determine actual |
| tax implications for your situation |


| Sales Price / Appraised Value | Below |
| :--- | ---: |
| Estimated Real Estate Tas Rate | $1.60 \% \%$ |
| Estimated Effective Tax Rate | $22.00 \%$ |


| Purchase Price | 400,000 | 3\% down |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Down Payment | 3.0\% | \$12,000 |
| Funding Fee | 0.0\% | $\$ 0$ |


| First Loan Program | 30 Year |
| :--- | :---: |
| Interest Rate | $6.500 \%$ |
| Payment | $\$ 2,452$ |
| Second Loan Program | $\mathrm{N} / \mathrm{A}$ |
| Interest Rate |  |
| Payment |  |
| Tortal Mortgage Pavment | $\$ 2,452$ |
|  |  |
| Real Estate Tases | $\$ 533$ |
| Mortgage Insurance | $\$ 188$ |
| HOA Dures | $\$ 0$ |
| Hazard Insurance | $\$ 200$ |


| Total Housing Payment | $\$ 3,373$ |
| :--- | :---: |
|  |  |
| Monthly Tas Write Off | $\$ 2,635$ |
| Monthly Tas Savingss | $\$ 580$ |
|  | $\$ 2,794$ |

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## Standard Deduction

## Old (pre-2018) New (2023) <br> Impact

## Increase in standard deduction likely to itemize.*

 \$6,350 Individual \$13,850 Individual means that far less people are
## FTHB: focus on non-tax benefits of homeownership

*For example, assume your mortgage interest and property taxes are $\$ 20,000$ per year, and you are married filing jointly. This is less than the $\$ 27,700$ standard deduction, so you will likely take the standard deduction.

## Old (pre-2018) $\quad$ New (2023) $\quad$ Impact

1) Reduces Incentive to Itemize.

No limit when $\$ 10,000$ limit when deducting from deducting from federal income tax federal income tax
2) Increases Cost of Homeownership in High-cost States.

Clients: focus on non-tax benefits of homeownership

## Old (pre-2018)

## New (2023)

Many homebuyers were likely to itemize and experience the tax benefits of paying mortgage interest and property taxes vs. paying rent.

Few homebuyers are likely to itemize. The ones who do itemize won't experience that much of a difference in buying vs. renting because they could have received a large standard deduction anyway.

Caveat: see article called The Hidden Benefit of Higher Interest Rates

## Case Study: Buy vs. Rent




## Rent vs. Buy Calculator

400k Purchase vs. $\$ 2500$ Monthly Rent

## Rent VS. Buy

| Other Assumptions |  |
| :--- | :---: |
| Tax Bracket | $22.00 \%$ |
| Is Mortgage Insurance Tax Deductible? | No |
| Annual House Price Appreciation | $4.000 \%$ |
| Timeframe / Holding Period (years) <br> Expenses to Sell House (commissions, <br> transfer tax, etc.) <br> Rate of Return on Cash Invested in Lieu of <br> Down Payment | $6.000 \%$ |



## Rent VS. Buy



| 5 - Extra Wealth |  |
| :---: | :---: |
| 125000 |  |
|  |  |
| 100000 |  |
| 75000 |  |
| 50000 |  |
| 25000 |  |
| 0 | \$0 |
|  | Rent |

Mortgage Interest, Points \& Mortgage Insurance

## Qualified Residence

$\checkmark$ Actual Residence
$\checkmark$ sleeping space
$\checkmark$ toilet \& bath facilities
$\checkmark$ cooking or kitchen equip.
$\checkmark$ Used by Tax Payer
$\checkmark$ Elected by Tax Payer

1. House
2. Condo
3. Mobile Home
4. Boat
5. House

Trailer
$2^{\text {nd }}$ Homes If Rented Out
$\checkmark$ Personal use for at least 14 days per year
$\checkmark$ At least $10 \%$ of the number of days for which it is rented at fair market value

## 200 days rented out

## X 10\% = <br> Must Live in the Home for 20 Days

(If you want to deduct the interest)

## How Many Qualified Homes?

A taxpayer can have up to two qualified homes for tax purposes
$\checkmark$ One primary residence, plus
$\checkmark$ One vacation home

A taxpayer can choose which home(s) he/she wishes to "elect" as a qualified residence for tax purposes.

## $1^{\text {st }}$ Lien or Subordinate Lien HELOC or Closed-end Mortgage

Buy. Build. Improve.

Acquisition Indebtedness
$(\$ 750,000)$

## Acquisition Indebtedness Illustration

## \$500k Purchase Price \$100k Orig. Mortgage \$50k Balance Later On

New \$400k C/O Refinance
(NOT for home improvements):
\$50k Deductible as Acq. Int. \$350k NOT DEDUCTIBLE

## Acquisition Indebtedness Illustration

\$500k Purchase Price<br>\$100k Orig. Mortgage \$50k Balance Later On

New \$400k C/O Refinance (for home improvements):
\$400k Deductible as Acq. Int.

## WHEN IS MORTGAGE INTEREST TAX DEDUCTIBLE?

Contrary to popular belief, mortgage interest is not always tax deductible. Here's the inside scoop:

## 1. DO YOU ITEMIZE YOUR TAX DEDUCTIONS?

You cannot take the mortgage interest deduction if you are taking the standard deduction. In 2020, the standard deduction is $\$ 12,400$ for single taxpayers, $\$ 18,650$ for heads of household, and $\$ 24,800$ for married taxpayers filing a joint return. Please see a CPA for details.

## 2. IS YOUR HOME A "QUALIFIED RESIDENCE"?

Mortgage interest is only deductible if the mortgage is attached to a "qualified residence". Taxpayers can generally deduct the mortgage interest on two qualified homes:
$\checkmark$ One Primary Residence; and,
$\checkmark$ One Vacation Home

## 3. IS YOUR MORTGAGE CLASSIFIED AS "ACQUISITION INDEBTEDNESS"?

Your mortgage or home equity line of credit is considered "acquisition indebtedness" if it was used to buy, build or improve a qualified residence. Generally, you can deduct the interest on mortgage balances up to $\$ 750,000$ of Acquisition Indebtedness. Here are two examples:
$\checkmark$ Jane buys her $\$ 500,000$ primary residence using a $\$ 400,000$ mortgage. Jane would be able to deduct the interest on the $\$ 400,000$ mortgage as acquisition indebtedness because (1) the mortgage was to buy a qualified residence; and, (2) the mortgage falls within the $\$ 750,000$ limit.
$\checkmark$ Janice buys her $\$ 500,000$ primary residence with cash. A year later, Janice does a cash-out refinance and puts a $\$ 400,000$ mortgage on the home. The funds are not used for home improvements. Janice would


## Is it smart to pull cash out of a primary home to purchase a vacation home?

\$400,000 Cash-out Refinance (primary)


## \$400,000 <br> Purchase Loan <br> (vacation home) <br> Buy. Build. Improve. <br> Acquisition <br> Indebtedness <br> $(\$ 750,000)$

## Is it smart to pay cash for a house?

## Cash Purchase: Mortgage 2 Years Later




## "Delayed Financing Exception"

| $\checkmark$ | Requirements for a Delayed Financing Exception |
| :--- | :--- |
|  | The original purchase transaction was an arms-length transaction. |
| For this refinance transaction, the borrower(s) must meet Fannie Mae's borrower eligibility requirements as <br> described in B2-2-01, General Borrower Eligibility Requirements. The borrower(s) may have initially purchased the <br> property as one of the following: <br> - a natural person; <br> - an eligible inter vivos revocable trust, when the borrower is both the individual establishing the trust and the <br> beneficiary of the trust; |  |
| - an eligible land trust when the borrower is the beneficiary of the land trust; or |  |
| - an LLC or partnership in which the borrower(s) have an individual or joint ownership of 100\%. |  |

Capital Gains Tax

## Tax Basis \& Capital Gain

\$200,000 Orig. Purch. Price
\$5,000 Closing Costs

+ \$45,000 Improvements
\$250,000 Basis
\$500,000 Sales Price
- \$250,000 Basis
\$250,000 Capital Gain


## Basis is the Cost of Purchasing, Building or Improving a Property

## \$250,000 Capital Gain

## 15\% Capital

 Gains Tax Rate!X

15\% Capital Gains Tax

$$
=
$$

\$37,500 Taxes Due

## Capital <br> Gains Tax Rate

0\% if your income tax bracket is $10 \%$ or $12 \%$
$15 \%$ if your income tax bracket is $22 \%$, $24 \%$, $32 \%$, or $35 \%$
$\mathbf{2 0 \%}$ if your income is more than:
$\checkmark$ \$553,850 (MFJ); or,
$\checkmark \$ 523,050$ (head of household); or,
$\checkmark$ \$492,300 (individual)

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## Three Options

## 1. Sell the property

2. Gift it during my lifetime
3. Keep it and pass it to heirs

Inheritance
Stepped-up Basis

## \$500,000 Property

## Capital Gain = \$0

Basis $=\$ 500 \mathrm{k}$

Carry-over Basis
Capital Gain = \$250k

Basis = \$250k

## Principal Residence Exclusion

## \$500,000:

$\checkmark$ Married Couples Filing Jointly
$\checkmark$ Widows \& Widowers who sell w/in 2 years of spouse's death
\$250,000:
$\checkmark$ Individuals
$\checkmark$ Married Couples Filing Separately
$\checkmark$ Must Live in Home As Primary Residence for 2 Out of the Last 5 Years
$\checkmark$ Do Not Have to Use Proceeds to Buy Another Home
$\checkmark$ You Can Use the Exclusion Once Every Two Years.
$\checkmark$ Exclusion Doesn't Apply to Vacation Homes.

## Principal Residence Exclusion

\$1mm Sales Price

- \$250k Basis
- \$60k Costs of Sale (6\%)
- \$500k Pr. Res. Excl.
\$190k Taxable Gain
X 15\% Capital Gains Tax Rate
\$28,500 Capital Gains Tax


## 1/1/2013 - Purchase

$\checkmark 8$ years rental
$\checkmark 80 \%$ of ownership period
1/1/2021 - Convert to Primary
$\checkmark 2$ years residence
$\checkmark 20 \%$ of ownership period
1/1/2023 - Sell
$\checkmark$ Can Only Exclude 20\% of the Gain

## Quick Tip:

If you rent out the property BEFORE you live in it as your primary home, you must perform the calculation

# \$600,000 Sales Price 

## \$100,000 Basis

$=$
\$500,000 Capital Gain

\$500,000 Capital Gain X<br>20\% Ownership Period $=$<br>\$100,000 Exclusion

## \$500,000 Capital Gain

\$100,000 Exclusion
$=$
\$400,000 Taxable Gain

## Conversion:

## Primary to Rental

## 1/1/2013 - Purchase

$\checkmark 8$ years residence
$\checkmark 80 \%$ of ownership period
1/1/2021 - Convert to Rental
$\checkmark 2$ years rental
$\checkmark 20 \%$ of ownership period
1/1/2023 - Sell
$\checkmark$ Receive Full Exclusion

## Quick Tip:

If you rent out the property AFTER you live in it as your primary home, you do not need to perform the calculation

## 3.8\% Net Investment Income Tax

$\checkmark$ Capital Gain on Sale of Primary Home in excess of exclusion
$\checkmark$ Capital Gain on Sale of Vacation Home
$\checkmark$ Capital Gain on Sale of Investment Property

## 15\% Capital Gain Tax

$+$
3.8\% Investment Income Tax
*Subject to income limitation: \$250k Married Filing Jointly or \$200k Single

Investment Property Taxation

## (1) Passive / Active / Portfolio Income

Investment Properties Have Different Rules
(2) Depreciation
(3) 1031 Exchanges

Rental Real Estate Losses


## Passive Losses Can Only Offiset Passive Income

Passive

## All Other Income or Losses

Active and Portfolio

## Two Types of Passive Activity

1. Trade or Business Activities With No Material Participation
2. Rental Activity Unless You Qualify as a Real Estate Professional

## Passive Losses Can Only Offset Passive Income

## All Other Income or Losses




| $\$ 10,000$ |
| :---: |
| Mortgage |
| Interest on |
| Investment |
| Property |



## Depreciation

## Tax deduction for the

 value of real estate improvements
# \$300k Purchase Price 

Step 1
Value of
Improvements
\$75k Value of Land (25\%)
=
\$225k Value of Improvements

Step 2
Annual
Depreciation
\$225k Value of Improvements /
27.5 years
=
\$8,182 annual tax deduction
(depreciation)

## \$300,000 Original Basis

## \$40,910 Total Depreciation

 =\$259,090 Adjusted Basis

## \$450,000 Sales Price

## $\$ 27,000$ Costs of Sale (6\%)

\$259,090 Adjusted Basis
$=$
\$163,910 Taxable Gain

## Step 6

Capital Gains vs. Depreciation Recapture
$\checkmark$ \$40,910 taxed @ Depreciation Recapture Rate (25\%)
$\checkmark$ \$123,000 taxed @ Capital Gains Tax Rate (15\%)

## VM CMS $\sqrt{\circledR}$ INSTITUTE Improve your life through mortgage planning <br> 1031 Exchange Timeline

# Day 1 : <br> Sell Your <br> Property 

Day 45:
Find a
Replacement

Day 180: Close on New Property

180 Days from the Sale of Your Property!

## Why Pay Taxes?



## 1031 Exchange

$\checkmark$ No Limit on Number of Times You Can Use 1031 Exchange.
$\checkmark$ Heirs Receive a Step-up In Basis.
$\checkmark 1031$ Exchange is Ideal for Long-Term Investors.
$\checkmark$ You Can Use 1031 Exchange to Diversify - One into Many
$\checkmark$ You Can Use 1031 Exchange to Consolidate - Many into One

## Real Estate Rental Income

## Old

Taxed at ordinary rates (up to 39.6\%)

Taxed at ordinary rates, but with up to a $20 \%$ deduction

More attractive to invest in real estate... profitably!

## Example for Investor Earning \$200,000/year

|  | Old (pre-2018) | New (2023) |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Annual Rental Income from <br> Real Estate | $\$ 10,000$ | $\$ 10,000$ |
| Tax Deduction | $\$ 0$ | $\$ 2,000$ |
| Taxable Rental Income from <br> Real Estate | $\$ 10,000$ | $\$ 8,000$ |
| Federal Income Tax Rate (MFJ) | $28 \%$ | $24 \%$ |
| Federal Income Tax | $\mathbf{\$ 2 , 8 0 0}$ | $\$ 1,920$ |

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## Investment Property Loan Comparison Calculator



Annual Internal Rate of Return (IRR)
12.51\%


The Gift \& Estate Tax
$\checkmark$ Purchase a Home
$\checkmark$ Reduce Negative Equity to Sell


## Gift Taxes Example 1: Annual Exclusion

$\$ 68,000=$ Funds Needed For Down Payment \& Closing Costs
$\checkmark$ \$17k From Mom to Daughter
$\checkmark$ \$17k From Mom to Son-in-Law
$\checkmark$ \$17k From Dad to Daughter
$\checkmark$ \$17k From Dad to Son-in-Law


## Gift Taxes Example 2: Lifetime Exclusion

$\$ 200,000=$ Funds Needed For Down Payment \& Closing Costs
$\checkmark$ \$17k From Mom to Daughter
$\checkmark$ \$17k From Mom to Son-in-Law
$\checkmark$ \$17k From Dad to Daughter
$\checkmark$ \$17k From Dad to Son-in-Law
\$200,000
\$68,000
$=$
\$132,000

## Lifetime <br> Exclusion <br> Used $(\$ 132,000)$

## Estate Tax Exclusion Remaining (\$12,788,000)


(1) Two Buckets of Exclusions
(2) No Tax to Gift Recipient

## Federal Gift Tax

(3) No Relationship Required

Federal Estate Tax
(1) Unlimited Marital Exclusion
(2) \$12,920,000 Exclusion (2023)
(3) Many States Have Lower Limits
(4) Portability


## \$25,840,000

Total Exclusion for a Married Couple Using "Portability"

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## THE GIFT TAX MYTH: HOW TO NAVIGATE AROUND IT

Many people aren't aware of the fact that, in most situations, there really is no gift | $\$ 15 \mathrm{k}$ per |
| :--- |
| person |
| tax. Here's why... |
| $\$ 15,000$ ANNUAL EXCLusion |
| The federal government gives each of us an allowance to gift anybody $\$ 15,000$ |
| per year without incurring any gift tax. This $\$ 15,000 /$ year replenishes every year, |
| and it's $\$ 15,000$ per person. So, theoretically, I could gift every person that I know |
| $\$ 15,000$ today, and then another $\$ 15,000$ next year and the year after, and there |
| would be NO gift tax. | list-Tax Exclusion

(replenishes each
year)

## Market Story

 would be NO gift tax.\$11,700,000 LIFETIME EXCLUSION
What most people don't realize, is that there's a second allowance of $\$ 11.7 \mathrm{~mm}$ In other words, let's say that I want to give you $\$ 115,000$. That's $\$ 100,000$ more than what I can give you out of my $\$ 15,000$ annual bucket. That's not a problem at all because I also have the $\$ 11,700,000$ bucket. The $\$ 11.7 \mathrm{~mm}$ bucket is called my "Lifetime Exclusion." If I use any of it during my lifetime, I simply reduce my estate tax exclusion by that amount.

So in our example, if I gift you $\$ 115,000$, I would take $\$ 15,000$ out of my annual bucket and $\$ 100,000$ out of my lifetime bucket. My annual bucket replenishes each year. But my lifetime bucket does NOT replenish. In fact, I must reduce my lifetime bucket by $\$ 100,000$, so now my lifetime exclusion is "only" $\$ 11.6 \mathrm{~mm}$ instead of $\$ 11.7 \mathrm{~mm}$.

Now, if my estate is less than $\$ 11.7 \mathrm{~mm}$, this would not be a problem at all, because my heirs would have no estate tax anyhow. However, if my estate is more than $\$ 11.7 \mathrm{~mm}$ then my heirs would have to pay estate taxes on anything inherited above $\$ 11.7 \mathrm{~mm}$. In other words, the lifetime exclusion bucket is used for both gift and estate tax purposes. So every time use it to not pay gift taxes, I'm also reducing my estate tax exclusion... that's how and why the gift tax and the estate tax are related to one another.

## NO RELATIONSHIP REQUIRED

You don't have to be related to use either of these buckets. You can gift
$\$ 15,000 /$ year to a complete stranger and you would have no gift tax You can also gift money to a complete stranger using your lifetime exclusion bucket, and you would have no gift tax.

## - gift tax to the recipien

Now, everything we just talked about applies to the person GIVING the gift. What about the person RECEIVING the gift? Well, here's some more good news: there is no tax due by the gift recipient.

## But it's Just a Loan...

$\checkmark$ Underwriting Guidelines:
$\checkmark$ List loan as a debt/liability on 1003
$\checkmark$ Include loan payment in DTI
$\checkmark$ IRS Guidelines:
$\checkmark$ Borrower must pay interest on the loan

## But it's Just a Loan...

$\checkmark$ Is the recipient of the money paying the applicable Federal Rate?
$\checkmark$ Short = Less than 3 years
$\checkmark$ Mid $=3-9$ years
$\checkmark$ Long $=$ Greater than 9 years
$\checkmark$ Are you paying taxes on the interest you receive?
$\checkmark$ Is there a pre-arranged plan to forgive the loan?


## Conclusion

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