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# **TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION**

- 1. What's new for 2021 planning.
- 2. COVID Related Income Tax Law Changes for 2021
- 3. Depreciation Limits
- 4. 199A/QBI Deduction
- 5. Credits to Consider
- 6. Estate Tax and Business Succession
- 7. Potential Changes for 2022

# **NEW FOR 2021 PLANNING**

- Minnesota SALT Cap Workaround
  - Currently: federal limit on State and Local Tax (SALT) deduction of \$10,000
  - No benefit for itemized deduction of state tax once tax is over \$10,000
  - Option for S Corp and Partnership to pay MN state tax at the entity level and deduct the tax.
  - Example:
    - S Corp Earns \$100,000 before state taxes.
    - Elects to pay tax at entity level of (9.85%) \$9,850
    - Federal income from S Corp now \$90,150

## MINNESOTA SALT CAP WORKAROUND (CONT.)

### • Benefits:

- Full credit on MN individual return for any tax paid via S Corporation.
- Deduction is "above the line", meaning it reduces AGI rather than just taxable income.

### Potential draw-backs:

- Cash flow: may have paid individual estimates already
- Federal tax changes: law only in effect while there is a federal SALT cap.
- Other: Cash basis taxpayers will want to pay by 12/31/21

# **NEW FOR 2021 PLANNING (CONT.)**

- 100% Deduction for Meals
  - Must be paid to a restaurant
  - Does not need to be consumed on site
- Non "restaurant" meals still subject to 50% limitations.

### **COVID RELATED TAX LAW CHANGES FOR 2021**

#### Business Level Items

#### Employee Retention Credit (ERC)

- 20% drop in revenue in quarter compared to 2019 or
- Subject to a government mandated shutdown and experienced more than a nominal impact
- 70% of Wages up to 10,000 (7,000 credit) per quarter per employee.

#### Sick Pay Credit

 Up to \$511/day for employees with positive COVID Test, out due to exposure, or out due to vaccine or vaccine side effects – ended September 31, 2021; but, amended return option if this was missed.

## **COVID RELATED TAX LAW CHANGES FOR 2021**

#### Individual Level Items

- Expanded Child Tax Credit and Advanced Payment of Child Tax Credit
- Expanded Dependent Care Credit
  - Increased Thresholds
  - Increased Credit % amount
  - Increased DCB flex account option to employers
- Charitable Contribution Limitations at 100%

# **MN TAX UPDATE**

- PPP Conformity
- Retroactive to 2020 only conformity on certain retirement plan transactions

# **DEPRECIATION LIMITS**

#### • Bonus depreciation

- 100% deduction for certain capital expenditures, including: office furniture, equipment, machinery, computers, software, qualified improvement property, land improvements and parking lots.
- Begins phasing out after 2022
- Section 179
  - Expensing of up to \$1.05M (limit on total purchases of \$2.62M)
- Section 179 is allowed in full for MN, while bonus depreciation requires an 80% add-back.

### **QUALIFIED BUSINESS INCOME DEDUCTION**

- QBI Deduction, Domestic Production Activities Deduction, DPAD, 20% deduction, 199A
- Been around for a few years was new in 2018 as part of TCJA
- Refresher: 20% deduction for flow-through entities
  - Limited to 50% of W-2 wages paid by entity or
  - 2.5% of adjusted basis of assets
- Planning may be needed to maximize this deduction
- Limits on specified services trade or businesses.

# **CREDITS TO CONSIDER**

- Research and Development Tax Credit
  - New or improved products, processes, or software
  - Technological in nature
  - Process of experimentation
- Solar Investment Tax Credit
  - 26% of solar projects in 2021
  - Taxpayers are buying solar credits to offset passive income.

#### ESTATE PLANNING AND BUSINESS SUCCESSION

- Political uncertainty raises estate planning to a higher importance for many taxpayers.
- Currently \$11.7M federal exemption for gift or estate
  Set to sunset in 2026
- \$3M Minnesota exemption for estate no gift limit.

# **POTENTIAL CHANGES FOR 2022**

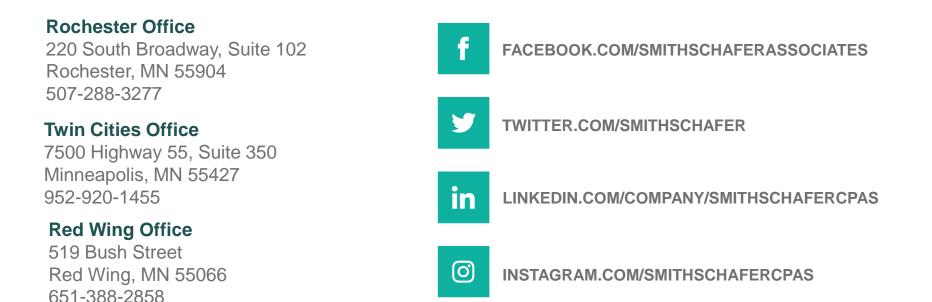
- Changes to C Corporation rates 15% Minimum Tax
- SALT Cap increase to 40,000/80,000 through 2031
- Net Investment Income Tax (3.8% Medicare surcharge) applies to active income from flow-through for incomes over 400,000/500,000
- Increased rates for high income taxpayers
  - 5% income tax surcharge for incomes over \$10M and an additional 3% for incomes over \$25M
- Cap on total IRA assets at \$10M

# **FINAL THOUGHTS**

- Tax planning for 2021 to take advantage of current rates.
- 2022 rates and implications currently unknown.



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