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# WHY NOW?!



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# It Is Not Just Math and a Year-End Calculation



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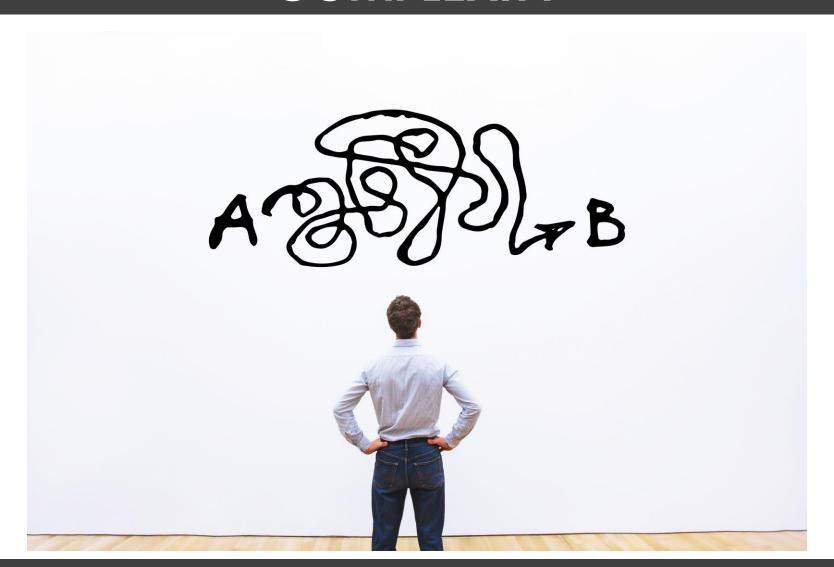


# Partnership, LLC or S Corp Agreement

## TAX FREE MONEY



# COMPLEXITY



# BAD INFORMATION

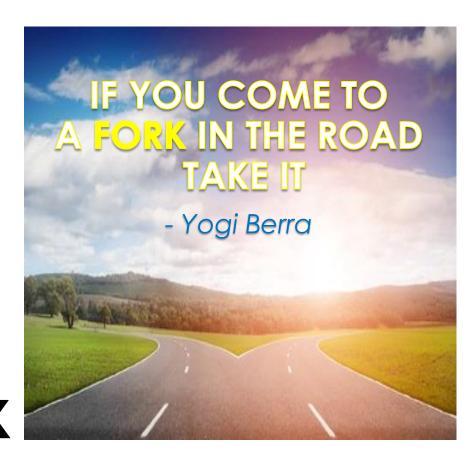
# Be Very Careful – Lots of Bad Information



## **CHOICE of ENTITY**

Should You Convert to C Corp?

Flat 21% Tax



# **CHOICE OF ENTITY**



#### FREEDOM TO INTERPRET





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#### **Technical Corrections Act**



#### **GENERAL RULE**

20% of a Taxpayer's Qualified Business Income (QBI)

Net Amount of Income, Gain, Deduction, and Loss with Respect to the Trade or Business



#### TYPE OF INVESTMENT

#### Passive and Active



**Active Income** 









#### QUALIFIED BUSINESS INCOME

# Any Trade Or Business Other Than Specified Service Trades Or Businesses (discussed later)



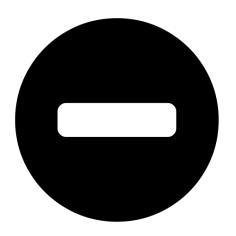
#### OTHER QUALIFYING ENTITIES

20% of the Aggregate Amount of the **Qualified REIT** Dividends and **Qualified Publicly Traded Partnership** Income



## QUALIFIED BUSINESS INCOME (QBI)

Capital Gains or Losses,
Dividends, and Interest Income
are Generally Excluded
(Portfolio / Investment Income)



# TRIPLE NET LEASE



#### **EXCLUDED COMPENSATION**

**Employee** Compensation of S-Corp Shareholder(s) and Guaranteed **Payments for** Services to a Partner are Excluded

# S CORP COMPENSATION

# Reasonable Compensation





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# Reasonable Compensation Justice Potter Stewart



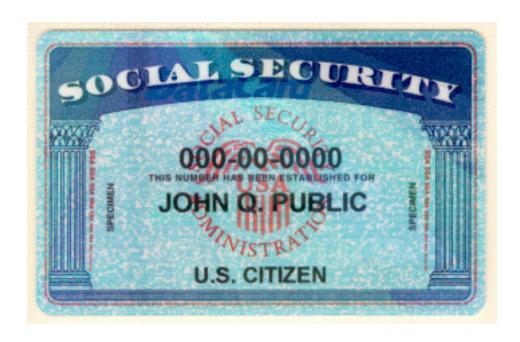
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## **PARTNERSHIPS**

# **GUARANTEED PAYMENTS**



# PAYROLL / SELF-EMPLOYMENT TAX



#### **QUICK EXAMPLE**

A business has \$250,000 of Business Income. Sole Proprietorship, Husband and Wife LLC Taxed as a Partnership, and Single Shareholder S Corp with Reasonable Compensation of \$100,000. All file Married Filing Jointly.

## **EXAMPLE CONTINUED**

	Proprietorship*	Partnership	S-Corp
Business Income	\$250,000	\$250,000	\$250,000
Shareholder Salary			\$100,000
QBI	\$250,000	\$250,000	\$150,000
Exemption %	20%	20%	20%
Exemption Amount	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$30,000

<sup>\*</sup>Single Member LLC

## **EXAMPLE CONCLUSION**

# **BUT MIKE THAT IS NOT FAIR!**



#### **QUICK EXAMPLE 2**

A business has \$250,000 of Business Income. Sole Proprietorship, Husband and Wife LLC Taxed as a Partnership with Guaranteed Payments of \$100,000, and Single Shareholder S Corp with Reasonable Compensation of \$100,000. All file Married Filing Jointly.

## **EXAMPLE CONTINUED**

	Proprietorship*	Partnership	S-Corp
Business Income	\$250,000	\$250,000	\$250,000
Shareholder Salary		\$100,000	\$100,000
QBI	\$250,000	\$!50,000	\$150,000
Exemption %	20%	20%	20%
Exemption Amount	\$50,000	\$30,000	\$30,000

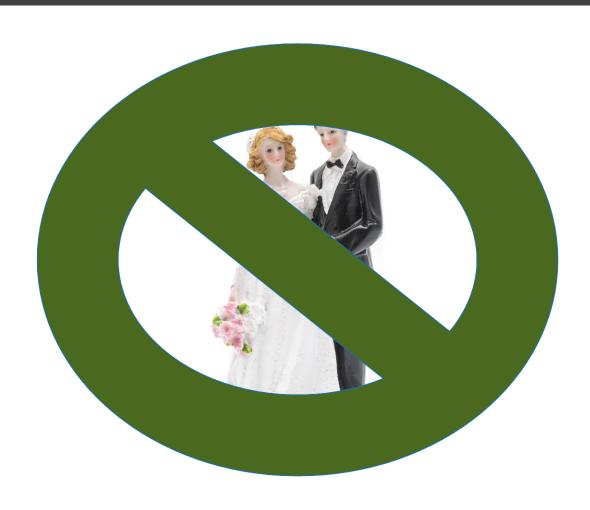
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#### **PHASE-OUT**

Taxable Income \$157,500 / \$315,000 \$50,000/\$100,000



# MARRIAGE PENALTY



#### **EXCEED THRESHOLD**

- Lesser of:
  - 20% of QBI or
- Greater of:
  - 50% of Wages
  - 25% of Wages and 2.5% of Unadjusted Basis Immediately after Acquisition of all Qualified Property

#### PERSONAL SERVICE ENTITIES

Health, Law, Consulting, Athletics, Financial Services, Brokerage Services, or any Trade or Business Based on Personal Reputation

#### QUALIFIED PROPERTY

- Held By, and Available for Use In, the Qualified Trade or Business
- Which is Used at Any Point During the Taxable Year In the Production of Qualified Business Income
- Depreciable Period Which has Not Ended Before the Close of the Tax Year

#### **QUALIFIED PROPERTY EXAMPLE 1**

Tom owns Commercial Real Estate and has a Management Company to run it (no Payroll). He has Income of \$1,500,000. The Unadjusted Property Basis is \$2,000,000.

The Deduction is the lesser of \$300,000 (20% of \$1,500,000) or \$5,000 (2.5% of \$2,000,000)



## QUALIFIED PROPERTY EXAMPLE 2



Lucy owns a Printing Company. She has Income of \$500,000 and Payroll of \$160,000. She buys a new machine for \$100,00 to replace all other equipment.

#### PERSONAL SERVICE ENTITIES

# But Does She Have A Business Based on Personal Reputation?



#### **QUALIFIED PROPERTY EXAMPLE 2**

- \$100,000 (20% of \$500,000)(Exceeds Threshold)
- \$42,500 (25% of \$160,000 + 2.5% of \$100,000)
- **\$80,000 (50% of \$160,000)**



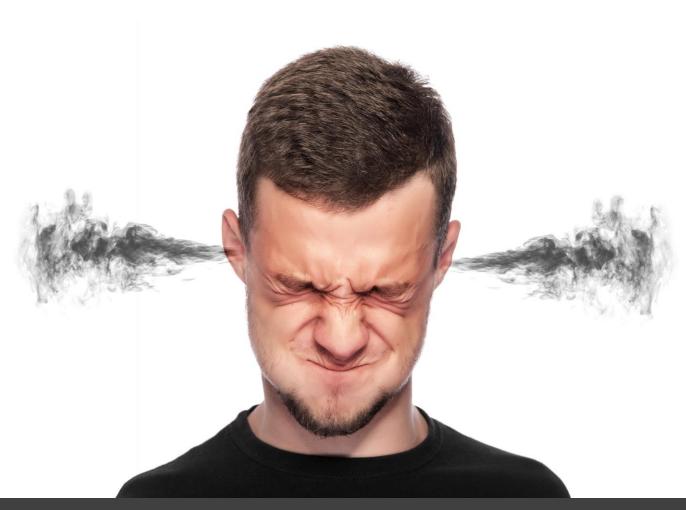
#### **EXAMPLE 3**

A business has \$600,000 of Business Income. Sole Proprietor, Husband and Wife LLC Taxed as a Partnership, and Husband and Wife Shareholders' S Corp in which the Wife has Reasonable Compensation of \$60,000 in the S Corp and similar Guaranteed Payment in LLC. Other Payroll \$50,000 and Equipment of \$100,000. All File Married Filing Jointly.

# **EXAMPLE 3 CONTINUED**

	S-Corp	Partnership	Proprietorship
<b>Business Income</b>	\$600,000	\$600,000	\$600,000
Shareholders Salary	\$60,000		
Guaranteed Payment		\$60,000	
QBI	\$540,000	\$540,000	\$600,000
Other Payroll	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000
Equipment	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000
Exemption	\$55,000	\$25,000	\$25,000

# THIS CANNOT BE RIGHT



# MARRIED FILING SEPARATELY





#### **PENALTY**

# Accuracy Penalty for Substantial Understatement

5% Instead of 10% of Tax



# QUESTIONS



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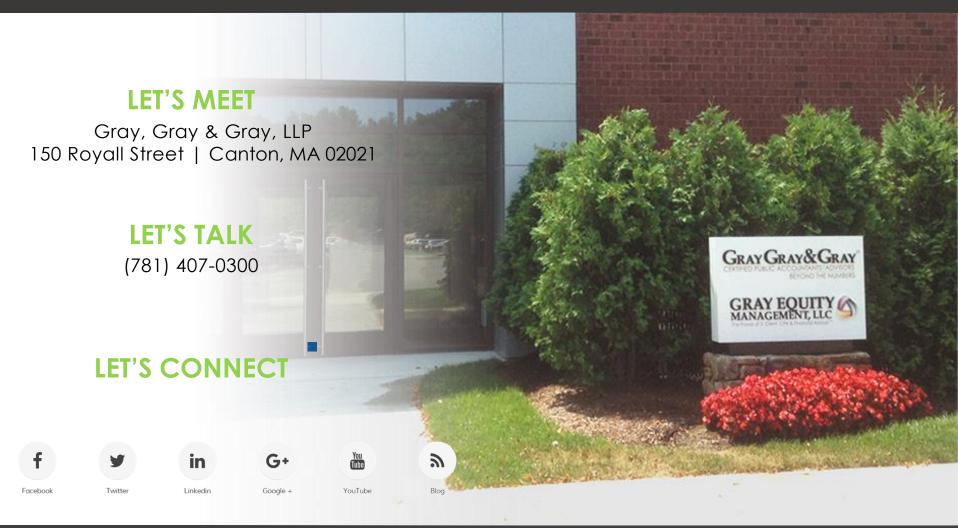
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