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Save the Date! Gray, Gray & Gray's 26th Annual Year-End Planning Seminars



**Bigger. Better. More Comprehensive.** In light of the rapid and widespread changes in the business and financial world, we've expanded our traditional year-end tax seminars to include additional topics to help you better manage your finances and your life. Our lineup of presenters represents the thought leaders in Boston's accounting, tax, legal and investment communities. Mark your calendar now and stay tuned for additional details coming soon.

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## Timely Opportunities

How to Protect Against Tax Identity Theft



Tax identity theft is a growing epidemic. Congress put the IRS Deputy Commissioner on the hot seat this summer -- and ultimately gave the tax agency a failing grade for its efforts to combat identity fraud. IRS officials promise to do better. But in the meantime, you can learn the latest scams and safeguard personal information. Business owners also need to protect against ID theft, particularly if they must comply with the federal "Red Flags Rule" and state laws.

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## Personal Tax

When Your Stock is Worth . . . Nothing



You may own shares of stock that are worthless -- or close to it. Can you at least get a decent tax deduction? What about deducting a loss for stock in companies that lost most of their value because of accounting scandals? Here is an explanation of the basic capital loss rules to help you find out what you can claim on your tax return.

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### Employees Called to Military Duty Can Request Health Care FSA Distributions



Thanks to a law passed several years ago, *the Heroes Earnings Assistance and Relief Tax Act*, active duty military reservists can tap the money they've stashed away in flexible spending accounts, without waiting to meet the usual requirements. But that's only possible if you amend your plan to allow it. Keep reading to find out the details you need to know.

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