## 2024 · WHAT ISSUES SHOULD I CONSIDER AT THE START OF THE YEAR?



IAL ISSUES	YES	NO	CASH FLOW ISSUES (CONTINUED)	Ì
u need to assess the progress you made toward your last year? If so, consider the following:			If you are married and your spouse does not have earned income, explore spousal IRA options.	
iew and compare your financial models, comparing a pshot of where you are today to last year and/or a prior time. entory your recent accomplishments to identify what tegies worked well.			<b>Do you need to confirm that you are adequately saving toward your goals?</b> If so, review your target savings and funding rates. If you fully fund some goals early in the year, continue saving toward other goals.	
you identified new goals for this year or the future? assign a priority and time horizon, and incorporate them into overall plan.			Do you have funds left in your FSA from last year? If so, consider spending such funds before the expiration of any grace period.	
there any life events that are likely to occur for yourself or r immediate family this year (e.g., move, marriage, birth, ner education, job change, retirement, illness, death)?			Are you subject to taking RMDs (including from inherited IRAs)? If so, consider the following: ■ If you are charitably inclined and age 70½ or older, you can do a QCD to satisfy your RMD. Note the "first dollars out" rule.	
you need to confirm whether you or any family members I reach a milestone age this year? If so, reference the portant Milestones" guide.			<ul> <li>Time the satisfaction of your RMD to support your goals, and be sure to review your withholdings.</li> <li>Do you make annual gifts? If so, make a plan to fund strategically,</li> </ul>	
e you concerned about any variables or circumstances that	-	-		1
			and track the use of your annual exclusion amount for noncharitable gifts.	
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o you need to review your asset location across the accounts a your portfolio? If so, consider holding tax-efficient investments a taxable accounts, and tax-inefficient investments in tax-preferred accounts.			Do you expect any changes with regard to your health or medical treatments? If so, consider reviewing your health insurance coverage and alternate options.
f you have a mortgage, should you explore refinancing?  Are there debts that you would like to eliminate this year? If so, trategically target debts with the least favorable terms first.			Do you need to review your life insurance coverage?  Do you need new or increased disability insurance coverage?  Is it time to explore (or review existing) LTC insurance?  Have you made any improvements to your property or acquired new valuables? If so, consider reviewing your property insurance (homeowners, renters, etc.), increasing coverage and/or adding riders as appropriate.
Do you need to review your credit report/score?			
Do you need to freeze your credit?			LEGAL ISSUES
	$\Box$		> Do you need to review your estate plan?
AX ISSUES	YES	NO	Do you need to review the titling/ownership of your assets?
n preparation for filing income tax returns for last year? If so, use last year's filings and/or a tax organizer to begin to gather all information necessary for filing Form 1040 and any state returns.  Did you make taxable gifts, or do you want to split gifts for last			<ul> <li>Are you, or will you be, serving as a fiduciary? If so, consider the following:</li> <li>Review your duties and your performance to ensure that you are upholding applicable standards.</li> <li>If you are an Executor or Trustee of an irrevocable trust, consider whether a distribution and election under the 65-Day Rule would be prudent.</li> </ul>
year? If so, collect documentation necessary for filing Form 709.			> Have any new laws gone into effect that might impact your
			<b>financial plan?</b> If so, consider how your saving strategies, income tax situation, estate plan, etc. might have been affected and what steps might be necessary.
Do you own investments in taxable accounts that are likely to make capital gains or income distributions (e.g., certain mutual funds and ETFs)? If so, consider your cost basis and whether it might be advantageous to sell in advance of such distributions.			<ul> <li>Are you subject to any new contracts/agreements, or did any such arrangements expire?</li> <li>If you own a business, are there any changes on the horizon this year?</li> </ul>
Do you need to review your unrealized gains and losses and create a harvesting strategy?			Are there any state-specific issues to consider?