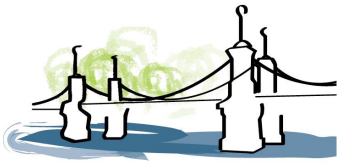




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**Minimizing Taxes in a High-Tax World**  
Use of CLAT / PPLI Technique

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## I. Mitigate income tax rates with planning

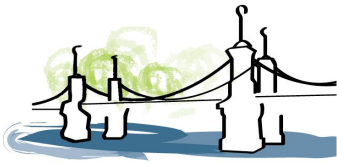
|  | California | Massachusetts | New York City |
|--|------------|---------------|---------------|
| Earned income tax rates                                      | 52.06%     | 47.20%        | 53.55%        |
| Investment income tax rates<br>(70% STCG/ordinary; 30% LTCG) | 46.75%     | 41.88%        | 46.39%        |

### How to mitigate with planning:

#### Example:

- \$20M earned income annually
- MA resident
- 5% investment return (70% STCG/30% LTCG)
- 30 year horizon

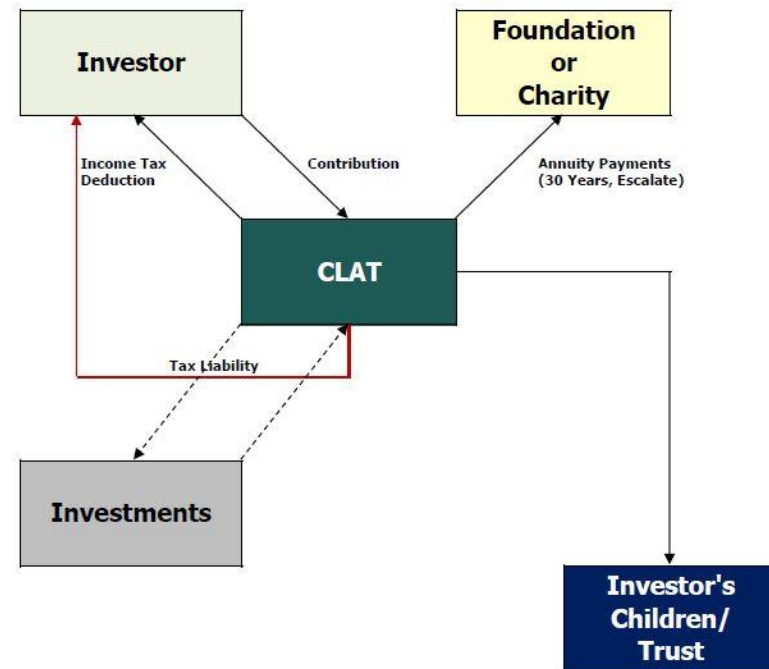
|   | No Planning  | Planning     |
|---|--------------|--------------|
| Income  | \$20,000,000 | \$20,000,000 |
| After-Tax investment                              | \$10,560,000 | \$20,000,000 |
| Balance at 30 years<br>(2.9% vs. 4.25%)           | \$24,895,000 | \$69,712,000 |
| Balance to children<br>(less estate tax - 47.10%) | \$13,169,000 | \$69,712,000 |
| Amount to charity                                 | 0            | \$28,128,000 |



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## II. Zeroed Out Grantor Charitable Lead Annuity Trust (CLAT)

- Statutory (in code)
- Up-front deduction to investor for charitable distributions over a defined term of years
- CLAT must pay entire initial funding and IRS hurdle rate to charity
- CLAT income is taxed to investor
- "Zeroed-out" means expectation (based on IRS rules) that charitable distributions will leave CLAT with no assets at end of term, so initial funding is not a taxable gift (but no penalty if CLAT investment growth exceeds hurdle rate, excess to children)
- Charitable distributions can increase year to year, allowing CLAT more time to outperform hurdle rate
- Any property held in CLAT at end of term passes to investor's children/trust free of gift/estate taxes (i.e., excess investment growth goes to children / trust)





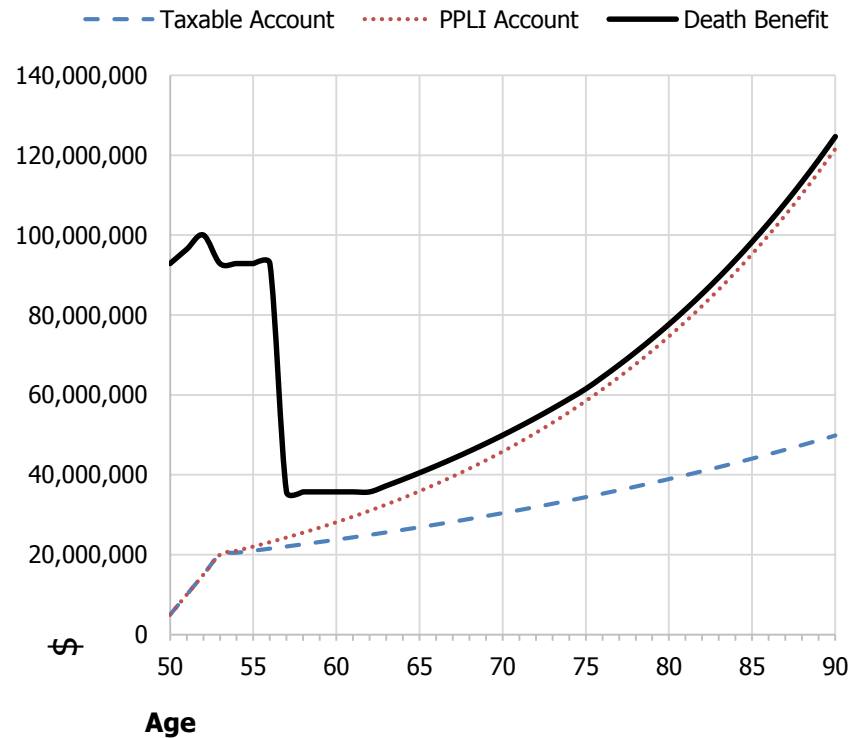
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## III. Private Placement Life Insurance (PPLI)

- Statutory (in code)
- Investors can grow tax-inefficient investments tax-deferred and access growth tax-free
- No policy surrender charges and product costs, fees often 75 bps/year and decline later
- Policy investment segregated from carrier's general account, protected from carrier creditors
- Investment flexibility for investor limited to investment policy guidelines and available funds; cannot pick specific investments
- Policy value tied exclusively to investment performance (less fees)
- Tax-deferred growth on investments so long as investor does not select specific investments
- If premiums paid in over at least 4 years, tax-free access to account values via policy loans
- Death benefit is paid income tax-free

### Assumptions

- 50 Year old man
- \$20M over 4 years
- 5% investment return
- 50% effective return rate





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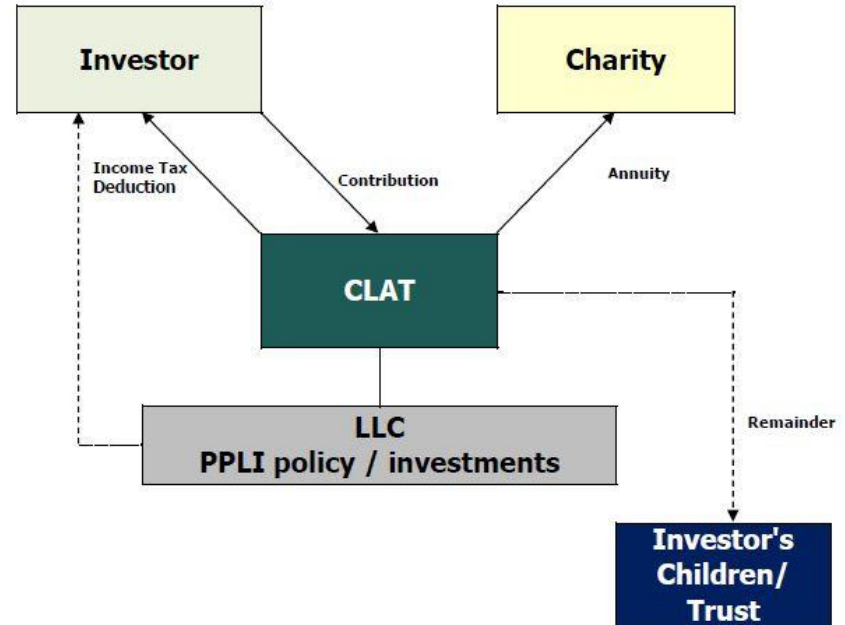
## IV. Combining CLAT and PPLI

### CLAT

- Upfront charitable deduction (30% AGI)
- CLAT remainder outside of investor's estate with no gift tax cost if "zeroed out" CLAT
- Insured pays tax on CLAT income, gains
- LLC or multiple insureds to solve special charitable tax deduction rule (no personal benefits to investor)

### PPLI

- Tax efficient investing (hedge funds)
- Tax-free policy withdrawals to satisfy larger backloaded CLAT payments to charity
- Investors cannot pick investments, just provide guidelines
- Investors only pays tax on CLAT's non-insurance investment income



### No Planning

### Planning

Income-----

\$20,000,000

\$20,000,000

After Tax Investment-----

\$10,560,000

\$20,000,000

Balance at 30 years-----  
(2.9% vs. 4.25%)

\$24,895,000

\$69,712,000

Balance to children-----  
(less estate tax - 47.10%)

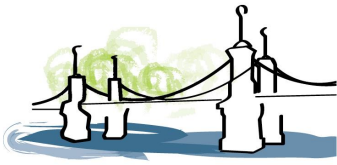
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Amount to charity-----

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\$28,128,000



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## V. Summary

### 1. No Planning - Invest / No CLAT or PPLI

- + Investor retains complete control of investments
- + No expense
- Higher tax on hedge fund income
- No charitable giving
- No estate planning

#### Tax Overview

- No charitable deduction
- Full tax on earned income and investments
- Estate tax at investor death

### 2. Invest in PPLI / no CLAT

- + Less expensive planning
- + No income tax on growth inside policy
- Higher tax cost on earned income
- No charitable giving
- No control over investments
- No estate planning

#### Tax Overview

- No charitable deduction to offset earned income
- + No current tax on investment income
- Estate tax at death of investor

### 3. Invest in CLAT / No PPLI

- + Reduced tax cost on earned income
- + Upfront charitable deduction
- Highest tax cost to investor
- No GST planning

#### Tax Overview

- + No tax on ordinary income
- Investor pays tax on all CLAT income
- + No estate tax at death of investors
- GST tax when children die

### 4. Invest in CLAT and PPLI

- + Lower tax on earned income
- + No tax on investment income in PPLI policy
- + Upfront charitable deduction
- Less control over PPLI investments
- Tax on non-insurance investment income in CLAT (early years)
- No GST planning
- Complex, legal fees

#### Tax Overview

- + No current tax on ordinary income
- + No tax on PPLI portion of investment income
- + Upfront charitable deduction
- + No estate tax on CLAT asset when transferred at end of term
- + No gift tax
- No GST tax savings