50 THINGS A PROFESSIONAL ADVISOR DOES FOR YOU



FINANCIAL PLANNING

- **1.** Cares more about you and your money than anyone who doesn't share your last name.
- **2.** Guides you to think about areas of your financial life you may not have considered.
- **3.** Formalizes your goals and puts them in writing.
- **4.** Helps you prioritize your financial opportunities.
- **5.** Helps you determine realistic goals.
- **6.** Studies possible alternatives that could meet your goals.
- **7.** Prepares a financial plan and/or an investment plan for you.
- **8.** Suggests creative alternatives that you may not have considered including the best way to claim Social Security.
- **9.** Reviews and recommends life insurance policies to protect your family.
- **10.** Assists you in setting up a business succession plan for your business.
- 11. Assists in preparing an estate plan for you.
- 12. Reviews your children's plans.
- **13.** Helps you understand and determine your minimum pension requirement.
- **14.** Provides you reminders about key financial planning issues.
- **15.** Checks with you before the end of the year to identify any last-minute financial planning needs.
- **16.** Guides you on ways to fund health care in your retirement.



INVESTMENTS

- **17.** Prepares an asset allocation for you so you can achieve the best rate of return for a given level of risk tolerance.
- **18.** Make sure you stay up to date on changes in the investment world
- 19. Monitors your investments.
- **20.** Reviews your investments in your superannuation plans.
- 21. Reviews your existing pension plans.
- **22.** Helps convert your investments to lifetime (retirement) income.
- **23.** Refers you to the right professionals for investment loan alternatives.

- **24.** Suggests alternatives to increase your income during retirement.
- **25.** Records and researches your cost base on investments.
- **26.** Provides you with neutral investment research.
- **27.** Provides you with personal investment analysis.
- **28.** Determines the risk level of your existing financial portfolio.
- **29.** Helps you consolidate and simplify your financial investments.
- **30.** Can provide you with technical, fundamental, and quantitative investment analysis.
- **31.** Provides professional introductions to investment managers.
- **32.** Shows you how to access your statements and other information online.





TAXES

- **33.** Suggests alternatives to manage your taxes during retirement.
- **34.** Reviews your tax returns with an eye to possible savings in the future.
- **35.** Stays up to date on tax law changes.
- **36.** Helps you understand your minimum tax obligations.
- **37.** Repositions investments to take full advantage of tax law provisions.
- **38.** Works with your tax and legal advisors to help you meet your financial goals.

PERSON-TO-PERSON

- **39.** Monitors changes in your life and family situation.
- **40.** Proactively keeps in touch with you.
- **41.** Serves as a human glossary of financial terms such as diversification, returns and risk profile.
- **42.** Provides referrals to other professionals, such as accountants and lawyers.
- **43.** Shares the experience of hundreds of clients who have faced circumstances similar to yours.
- **44.** Helps with the continuity of your family's financial plan through generations (your legacy).
- **45.** Facilitates the transfer of investments from individual names to trust, or from an owner through to beneficiaries.
- **46.** Keeps you on track.
- 47. Identifies your savings shortfalls.
- **48.** Develops and monitors a personal strategy for debt reduction.
- **49.** Is a wise sounding board for ideas you are currently considering.
- **50.** Is honest with you.

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