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## TAX & ESTATE PLANNING FOR YOUR RETIREMENT SAVINGS

### Tax Breaks for IRA Beneficiaries

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*"The hardest thing in the world to understand is the income tax."*

—Albert Einstein

Einstein was right, and what's more, his statement seems to be truer every time Congress simplifies the tax rules. It's even worse for IRA beneficiaries, who often have little guidance available at tax time. IRA beneficiaries not only inherit IRAs, they also often inherit tax breaks they are never told about. Most of these tax saving moves geared to IRA beneficiaries are hard to find, since they are not well publicized. If you are either an IRA beneficiary, a financial advisor with IRA beneficiary clients, or an IRA owner who wants to help out your intended beneficiaries, this month's feature "*Tax Breaks for IRA and Plan Beneficiaries*" will not only make things easier, but will tip you off to tax breaks that even the best tax preparation software won't reveal.

This month's guest IRA expert, Natalie B. Choate, Esq., of Bingham McCutchen, LLP, in Boston, is the author of "*Life and Death Planning for Retirement Benefits*" (Ataxplan

Publications, 2003). Natalie has just completed a new guide for financial advisors that is filled with IRA planning strategies, called "*The 100 Best and Worst Planning Ideas for Your Client's Retirement Benefits*." In this issue, Natalie has generously provided us with an excerpt containing several IRA strategies from her new guide. You'll see right away that this is an essential IRA resource.

### 60-Day Rollover Relief from IRS



The New Year began with eight new IRA Private Letter Rulings requesting that IRS waive the 60-day rollover requirement and allow more time for IRA owners who had withdrawn from their IRAs but then failed to roll the funds back into an IRA within the required period.

In all cases, IRS ruled favorably, allowing more time to complete the rollover. That's great news for anyone who may have found themselves in this predicament. For details, see "*New IRA Rulings From IRS*" on pages 4-5.



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