

- iCLATs -

## Don't Wait for Your Charitable Deduction

A Closer Look at the Relevance & Simplicity of "Reversionary" CLTs

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# Background & Key Changes from TCJA of 2017

- Estate, Gift & GST Tax Exemption Amounts Doubled!
  - \$11,580,000 per person (or \$23,160,000 for married couple)
- Standard Deduction Doubled (For all Taxpayers)
- Major Changes to Itemized Deductions
- The Charitable Income Tax Deduction not only survived, but it also Improved
  - AGI Limit for Cash Gifts (increased to 60%)
  - Pease Limitation on itemized deductions Suspended - HUGE BENEFIT!
- MANY OTHER MAJOR CHANGES....not directly related to charitable giving
  - Reduced corporate income tax rate from 35% to 21%
  - New 199A Deduction for Qualified Business Income

# Remember the Standard Deduction Has **Doubled** (For all Taxpayers)

Filing Status	2017 Standard Deduction	2020 Standard Deduction
Single Person	\$6,350	<b>\$12,400</b>
Married	\$12,700	<b>\$24,880</b>
Head of Household	\$9,325	<b>\$18,650</b>

**KEY TAKEAWAY:** While its good news for the general public, the doubled standard deduction amount will prevent many donors from receiving any income tax savings from their charitable gifts.

\*According to the Tax Policy Center, Urban Institute/Brookings Institution, **21 million taxpayers** will stop taking the itemized charitable deduction as a result of the TCJA of 2017.

# So What's an Annual Giver to Do?

## 4 OPTIONS TO CONSIDER GIVE ANNUALLY IN A TAX EFFECTIVE MANNER

- OPTION #1: QCDs - If the annual giver is over 70 ½ they can make QCDs from their IRA.
- OPTION #2: Make annual gifts of appreciated stocks or mutual funds to avoid capital gains taxes.
- OPTION #3: “BUNCHING” multiple years of annual gifts to charity or to a donor advised fund.
- **OPTION #4: An iCLAT**  
**which we will now explore 😊!**

# Let's Start with the Basics....

## What is a *charitable lead trust (or CLT)*?

*(simple working definition):*

- a charitable lead trust is a trust that makes charitable distributions on an annual (or more frequent) basis for a set number of years, and then the remaining trust assets EITHER: (i) pass to family members; or (ii) *return back to the grantor (a/k/a the client or donor)*.
  - *For IRS definition, see IRC 170(f)(2)(B) & Treasury Reg. 1.170A-6(a)(1) & (c)(2).*
- From the charity (or DAF) perspective: all CLTs are basically a pledge-like arrangement with an annual donor, but with “enhanced” income tax benefits

# Two VERY Different Structures for Charitable Lead Trusts

## Traditional “Wealth Transfer” Structure

- Primary Purpose: saving estate taxes on client’s death
- Complex
- Significant time and expense necessary to establish
- Taxable gift Component

## *Lesser-Known* “Reversionary” Structure

- Sole Purpose: saving **income taxes** for client *this year*
- Simpler
- Less time and expense necessary to establish
- No taxable gift component

# Key Benefit of an iCLAT®

- It generates a large “IMMEDIATE” YEAR 1 charitable income tax deduction!
  - based on the “present value” of its annual charitable distributions (based on the current historically low interest rates)
  - See Treas. Reg. 1.170A-6(c)(3)
- *Simply put, an iCLAT gives you...*

*CURRENT Income Tax SAVINGS  
for Future Annual Charitable Gifts*

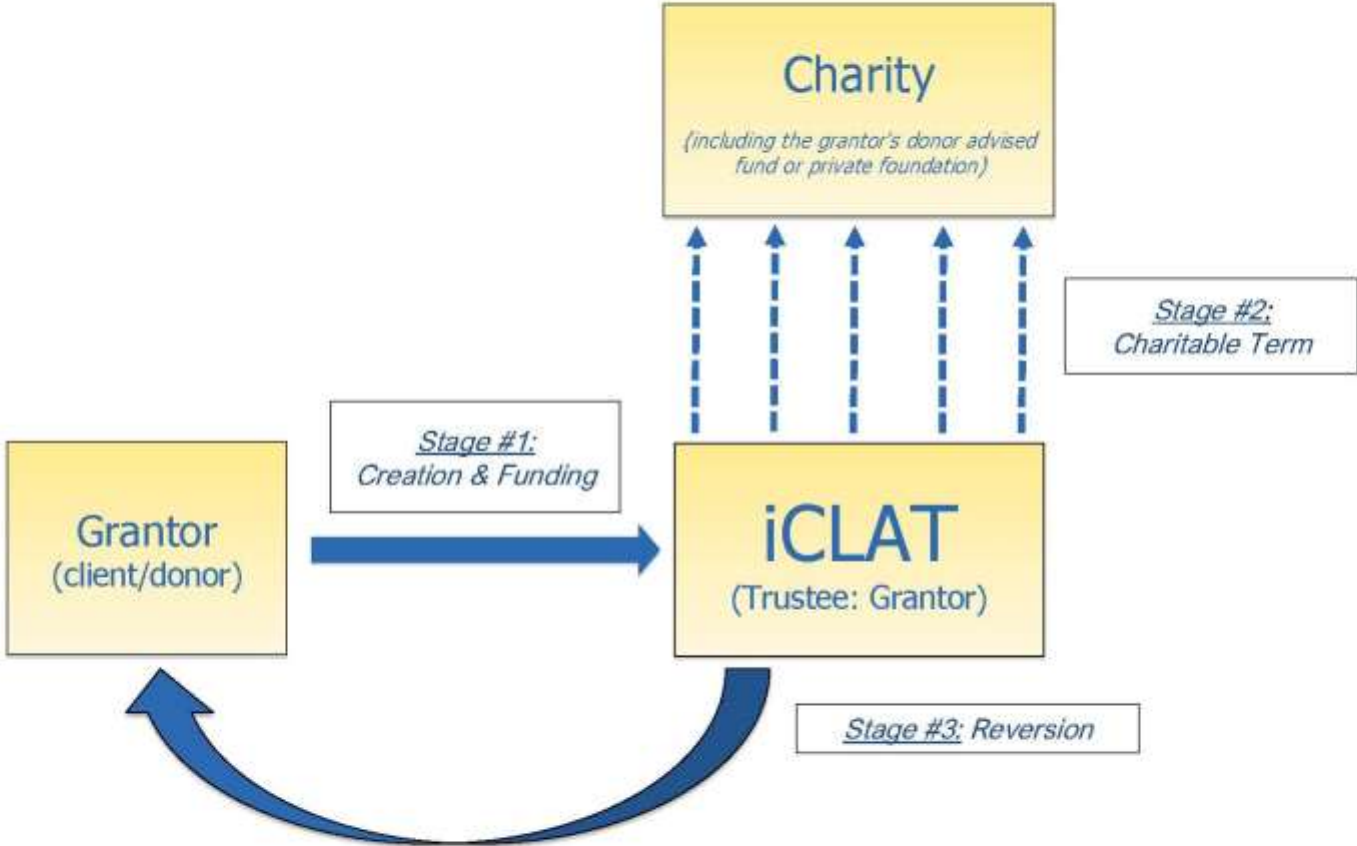


# Why is the “REVERSIONARY” component of an iCLAT® so important?

- It **DIFFERENTIATES THE iCLAT from** the vast majority of other CLTs.
- It makes it **EASIER TO EXPLAIN, ESTABLISH AND ADMINISTER**
  - Not only for clients, but also for professional advisors and the recipient charities
- It makes the iCLAT a **“GRANTOR TRUST”** under §673 on the IRC
  - This is why the client/grantor receives the immediate income tax savings.
- It **PREVENTS DISRUPTION** to one’s current estate plan.
- It **NARROWS THE PLANNING FOCUS** to solely saving income taxes!

Let's take a look at what  
an iCLAT looks like structurally?

# Basic Structure of the iCLAT



# Here is a fairly standard iCLAT® case...

## FACTS:

- Peter typically gives \$50,000 annually to his favorite charities (including his place of worship).
- Peter anticipates continuing this level of annual gifts at least for the next 10 years.

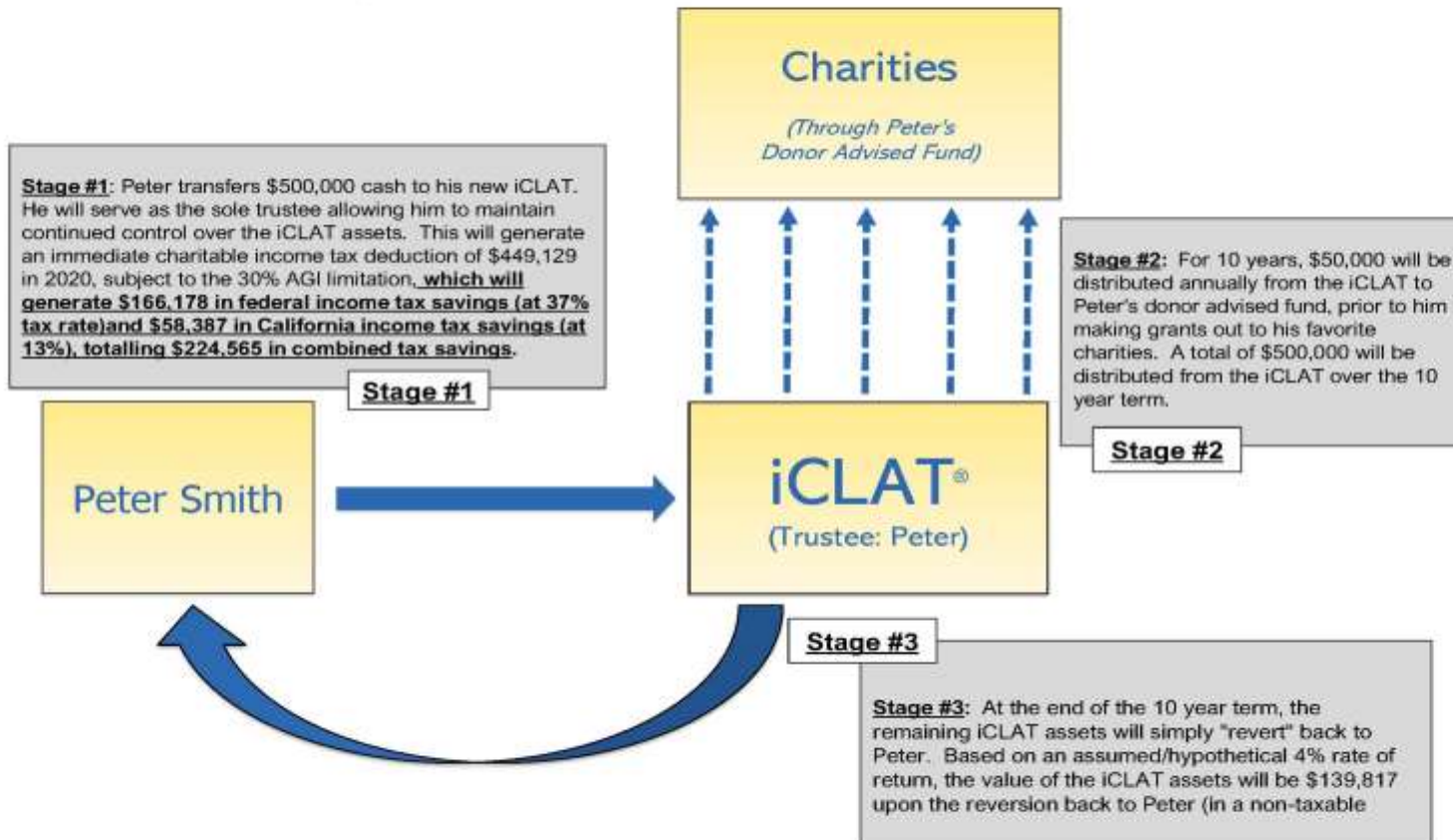
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iCLAT® Case Study #1

**Illustration: Basic Structure of the iCLAT**

**FACTS:** 10 Year / \$ 50,000 Annual Payments to Charity  
 Initial Assets to Fund the iCLAT: \$ 500,000 Cash  
 IRS §7520 Rate: 2.0%



# iCLAT® Case Study #1 - Economic Schedule



Client Name:	Peter Smith		
Value of Assets Contributed to iCLAT:	\$	500,000	
Type of Assets Contributed to iCLAT:	Cash		
Desired Term of iCLAT (# of Years)	10		
Annual Payments to Charity:	\$	50,000	
Preferred Charity (if any):	Peter's Donor Advised Fund		
Assumed Annual Income /Growth Rate:	3% 1%	4%	
IRS §7520 Interest Rate:	2.0%		

Year	Beginning Principal	Assumed Net Income		Assumed Growth		Annual Charitable Distributions to Peter's DAF	Year-End Principal	Net Growth in Principal
		Rate	Amount	Rate	Amount			
1	\$ 500,000	3.0%	\$ 15,000	1%	\$ 5,000	\$ 50,000	\$ 470,000	\$ (30,000)
2	\$ 470,000	3.0%	\$ 14,100	1%	\$ 4,700	\$ 50,000	\$ 438,800	\$ (31,200)
3	\$ 438,800	3.0%	\$ 13,164	1%	\$ 4,388	\$ 50,000	\$ 406,352	\$ (32,448)
4	\$ 406,352	3.0%	\$ 12,191	1%	\$ 4,064	\$ 50,000	\$ 372,606	\$ (33,746)
5	\$ 372,606	3.0%	\$ 11,178	1%	\$ 3,726	\$ 50,000	\$ 337,510	\$ (35,096)
6	\$ 337,510	3.0%	\$ 10,125	1%	\$ 3,375	\$ 50,000	\$ 301,011	\$ (36,500)
7	\$ 301,011	3.0%	\$ 9,030	1%	\$ 3,010	\$ 50,000	\$ 263,051	\$ (37,960)
8	\$ 263,051	3.0%	\$ 7,892	1%	\$ 2,631	\$ 50,000	\$ 223,573	\$ (39,478)
9	\$ 223,573	3.0%	\$ 6,707	1%	\$ 2,236	\$ 50,000	\$ 182,516	\$ (41,057)
10	\$ 182,516	3.0%	\$ 5,475	1%	\$ 1,825	\$ 50,000	\$ 139,817	\$ (42,699)
<b>TOTALS</b>			\$ 104,863		\$ 34,954	\$ 500,000	\$ 139,817	\$ (360,183)

<b>Immediate Charitable Income Tax Deduction in Current Year</b>	\$	<b>449,129</b>
<b>Federal Income Tax Savings</b>	<i>U.S. Rate: 37%</i>	\$ 166,178
<b>State Income Tax Savings</b>	<i>California Rate: 13.00%</i>	\$ 58,387
<b>TOTAL ACCELERATED INCOME TAX SAVINGS*</b>		<b>\$ 224,565</b>
<i>*To receive ALL income tax savings on 2019 tax return, AGI needs to be at least: \$1,497,098</i>		
<b>Value* of iCLAT Assets at End of Term to Revert to Peter Smith</b>	\$	<b>139,817</b>
<i>*Illustrated value, not a guaranteed value</i>		
<b>Total Charitable Distributions to Peter's Donor Advised Fund</b>	\$	<b>500,000</b>

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EXAMPLES BELOW – All based on iCLAT® with \$50,000/year to charity.

Term for the iCLAT® (# of Years)	ANNUAL Charitable Distributions from the iCLAT®	TOTAL Charitable Distributions from iCLAT®	Amount of the IMMEDIATE Year 1 Charitable Deduction from the iCLAT®	IMMEDIATE YEAR 1 Charitable Deduction from the iCLAT® (% of total distributions)
<b>3 Years</b>	\$50,000/yr	\$150,000	<b>\$145,276</b>	<b>96.8%</b>
<b>5 Years</b>	\$50,000/yr	\$250,000	<b>\$237,443</b>	<b>94.9%</b>
<b>7 Years</b>	\$50,000/yr	\$350,000	<b>\$326,027</b>	<b>93.1%</b>
<b>10 Years</b>	\$50,000/yr	\$500,000	<b>\$452,498</b>	<b>90.5%</b>
<b>15 Years</b>	\$50,000/yr	\$750,000	<b>\$647,283</b>	<b>86.3%</b>
<b>20 Years</b>	\$50,000/yr	\$1,000,000	<b>\$823,701</b>	<b>83.9%</b>



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*\*Based on the January 2020 IRS 7520 Rate of 2.0%, which is available through 3/31/2020.  
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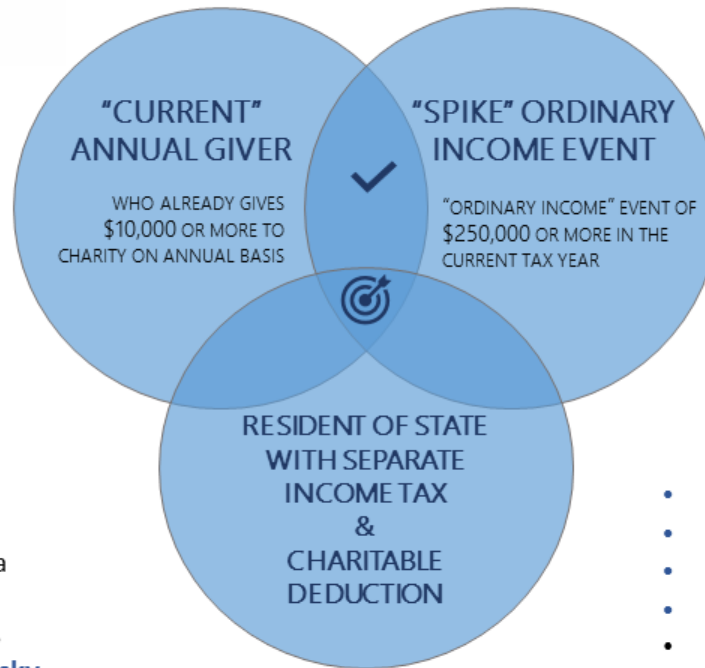
Ideal Fact  
Scenario #1

– “SPIKE” Ordinary Income Event





## IDEAL FACT SCENARIO #1 - "Spike" Ordinary Income Event



- **Alabama**
- Arkansas
- Arizona
- **California**
- **Colorado**
- **Delaware**
- **Georgia**
- Hawaii

- **Idaho**
- Illinois
- Indiana
- **Iowa**
- Kansas
- **Kentucky**
- Louisiana
- **Maine**

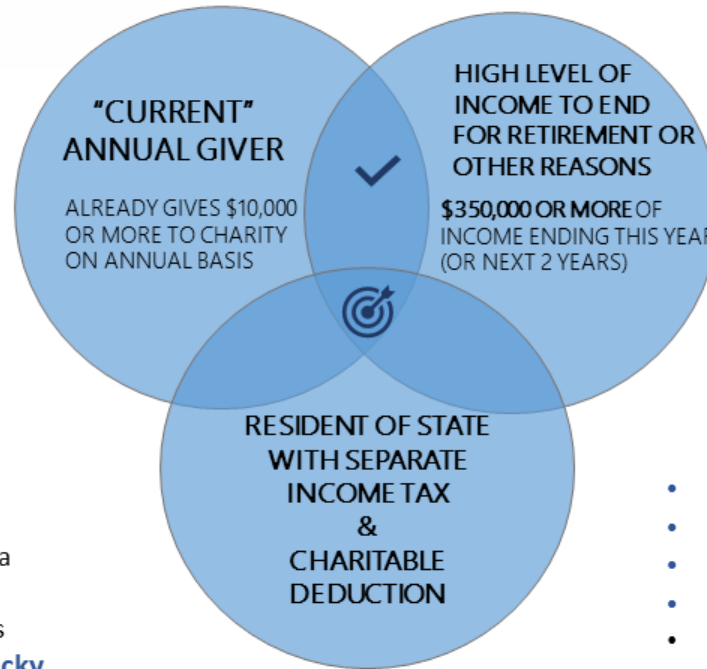
- **Maryland**
- **Minnesota**
- **Mississippi**
- **Missouri**
- Montana
- Nebraska
- New Mexico
- **New York**
- **North Carolina**

- North Dakota
- Oklahoma
- **Oregon**
- **South Carolina**
- **Vermont**
- **Virginia**
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## IDEAL FACT SCENARIO #2 – Approaching Retirement or End of High Level of Income



- **Alabama**
- Arkansas
- Arizona
- **California**
- **Colorado**
- **Delaware**
- **Georgia**
- Hawaii

- **Idaho**
- Illinois
- Indiana
- **Iowa**
- Kansas
- **Kentucky**
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# iCLAT® - Case Study Examples/Opportunities

1. Peter Smith (resident of California)
  - ROTH IRA Conversion earlier this year, normally gives \$50,000/yr. to his favorite charities
2. Stacy Smith (resident of Mississippi)
  - Attorney received large legal fee from trial, normally gives \$25,000/yr. to her church
3. Thomas Smith (resident of Georgia)
  - Surgeon to retire next year, normally gives \$50,000/yr. to various charities
4. Peter Smith (resident of South Carolina)
  - S Corp owner had banner income year, normally gives \$12,500/yr. to his church
5. Beth Smith (resident of Colorado)
  - Large ROTH IRA conversion, wants to give \$175,000/yr. to alma mater's 5-year campaign

## Summary of Results - iCLAT® Case Studies

	<u>Case #1</u>	<u>Case #2</u>	<u>Case #3</u>	<u>Case #4</u>	<u>Case #5</u>
Name	Peter Smith	Stacy Smith	Thomas Smith	Fred Smith	Beth Smith
Value of Assets Used to Fund iCLAT	\$500,000	\$300,000	\$600,000	\$300,000	\$1,000,000
Type of Assets Contributed to iCLAT	Cash	Cash	Cash & Securities	Rental Real Property	Cash
Annual Payments to Charity	\$50,000	\$25,000	\$50,000	\$12,500	\$175,000
Term of iCLAT (in years)	10	7	10	20	5
TOTAL Payments to Charity	\$500,000	\$175,000	\$500,000	\$250,000	\$875,000
IRS §7520 Rate (January 2020)	2.0%	2.0%	2.0%	2.0%	2.0%
Assumed Rate of Return (INCOME)	3.0%	3.0%	3.0%	3.0%	3.0%
Assumed Rate of Return (GROWTH)	1.0%	1.0%	1.0%	1.0%	1.0%
Estimated iCLAT Assets at End of Term	\$139,817	\$39,693	\$287,841	\$285,111	\$268,796
<b>Immediate Charitable Deduction in Current Year</b>	<b>\$449,129</b>	<b>\$321,232</b>	<b>\$449,129</b>	<b>\$204,393</b>	<b>\$824,855</b>
% of Total Payments to Charity	89.8%	92.5%	89.8%	81.8%	94.3%
Preferred Charity or Donor Advised Fund (DAF)	Peter's DAF	Stacy's DAF/Church	Thomas' DAF	Fred's Church	Beth's Alma Mater
Assumed Federal Income Tax Rate	37%	37%	37%	37%	37%
<b>Estimated Year 1 Federal Income Tax Savings</b>	<b>\$166,178</b>	<b>\$118,856</b>	<b>\$166,178</b>	<b>\$75,625</b>	<b>\$305,197</b>
Necessary AGI in Yr 1 for 100% Charitable Deduction in Yr. 1					
30% Use 30% All Cash	\$1,497,098	\$1,070,772			\$2,749,518
20% All Other Assets (or BLENDED %)			\$1,796,517	\$1,021,965	
State of Residence	California	Minnesota	Georgia	South Carolina	Colorado
State Income Tax	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
State Tax Rate (top rate)	13.00%	9.85%	6.00%	7.00%	4.63%
<b>Estimated Year 1 State Income Tax Savings</b>	<b>\$58,387</b>	<b>\$31,641</b>	<b>\$26,948</b>	<b>\$14,308</b>	<b>\$38,191</b>
<b>Total Estimated U.S. &amp; State Tax Savings in Year 1</b>	<b>\$224,565</b>	<b>\$150,497</b>	<b>\$193,126</b>	<b>\$89,933</b>	<b>\$343,387</b>

\*Based on actual iCLAT cases, updated to reflect the January 2020 IRS §7520 rate of 2.0%, which is available for the through March 31, 2020.



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# SECURE ACT's Indirect Impact on iCLAT

- “Stretch IRAs” are gone for most IRA beneficiaries
  - 10 year withdrawal of all IRAs, unless beneficiary is a surviving spouse, a minor child, a disabled child or a chronically ill child
- More and more lifetime ROTH IRA Conversions are coming for your clients and donors
  - Again, ROTH IRA Conversions are “ordinary income” events to client/donor
  - An iCLAT can strategically offset a significant portion of the income taxes from such ROTH conversions

# iCLAT<sup>®</sup> - Additional Takeaways

- Great alternative planning tool to “BUNCHING”
- Compelling way to fund a donor advised fund or a private foundation
- Client can Serve as Trustee of an iCLAT / GREATER CONTROL  
Greater Control Compared to Traditional CLTs (no 2036 issues)
- iCLAT can be funded with rental real estate, S Corp stock, LLC or LP interests
- iCLAT is an excellent PLAN B strategy if the “prearranged sale doctrine” is already applicable to a particular transaction.
- Several planning options if client/donor is overly concerned with “recapture” if he or she dies during the term of an iCLAT.
- An iCLAT can be created by S Corporation, C corporation, LLC or even another trust
- The annual charitable payments can increase over term of iCLAT.
- Private Foundation Rules Do Apply to an iCLAT, just like all CLTs and CRTs

*THANK YOU, ANY QUESTIONS?*



*CURRENT Income Tax SAVINGS  
for Future Annual Charitable Gifts*

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