#### Five Tax-Efficient Ways to Sell Your Business

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#### Today's Agenda

- The process of selling your business
- Five tax-efficient ways to sell
- Tax planning enhancers
- Minimizing estate tax
- Review key takeaways







## **Polling Question**



#### Which best describes your current situation?

- a) I'm involved with a business that has already sold
- b) We are considering selling in the next few years
- c) We may be more interested in acquiring a business
- d) We have a business, but no current plans to sell
- e) I am just happy to be here



### The Process of Selling a Business

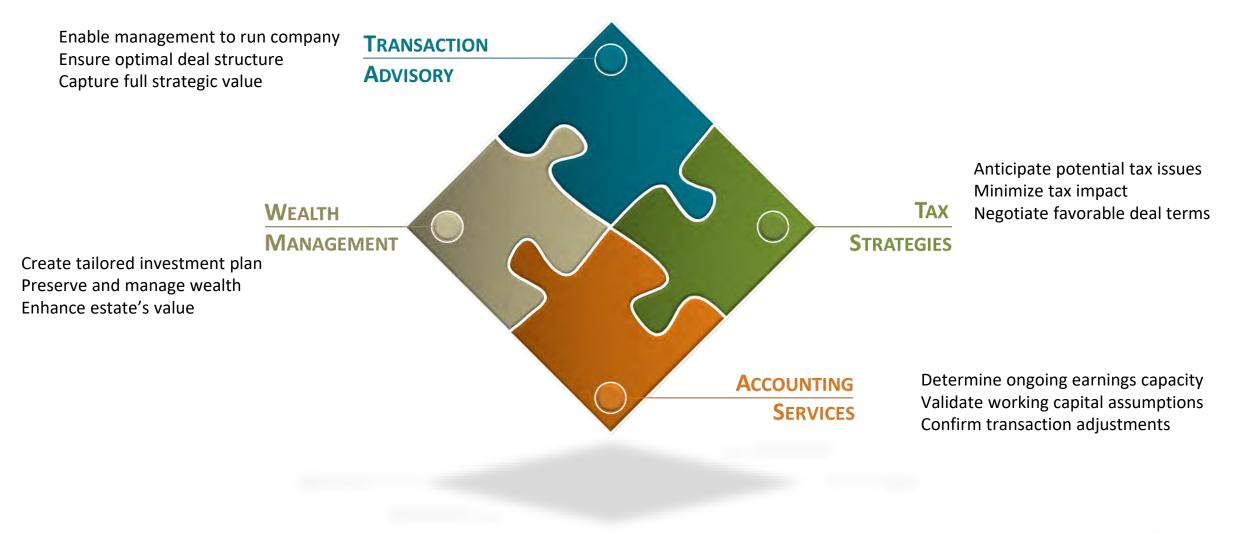
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### The Process of Selling a Business





## #1 – Sell Equity





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## #1 – Sell Equity



	Sale of Assets	Sale of Equity
Sales Price	10,000,000	10,000,000
Tax Basis	3,000,000	2,000,000
Gain	<u>    7,000,000</u>	<u>    8,000,000</u>
Federal tax	2,590,000 (37%)	1,600,000 (20%)
State tax	420,000	540,000
After-tax proceeds	<u>    6,999,000</u>	7,860,000

#### #1 – Sell Equity

- Sale of S-corporation shares usually not subject to 3.8% Net Investment Income Tax
- Sale of Qualified Small Business Stock (Section 1202)
- ✓ Sell to ESOP and defer gain (Section 1045)

## Sale of S-corporation shares usuall









#### #2 – Sell Assets Smartly



Assets Purchased	Scenario 1	Scenario 2
Accounts Receivable	2,500,000	2,500,000
Equipment	3,800,000	2,500,000
Goodwill	3,700,000	5,000,000
Total allocation	<u>10,000,000</u>	<u>10,000,000</u>
Tax Due	3,600,000	2,800,000

#### #2 – Sell Assets Smartly



 Section 338(h)(10) Election (buyer can treat equity purchase as an asset purchase)
 Tax "True-Up"





#### #3 – Sell for Things Other Than Cash







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Notes (installment sale)
 Post-closing compensation or consulting fees
 Stock-for-stock





#### #4 – Sell Less Than 100%









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Private Equity Groups
 Lifetime transfers
 Bequests





#### #5 – Sell to Management Team





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#### ✓ ESOP

- ✓ Section 1042 deferral
- Leveraged ESOP
- ✓ S-corporation ESOP







#### Questions







#### Minimize State Income Tax



- State of domicile at the time of sale
- Incomplete gift non-grantor trust (INGT)



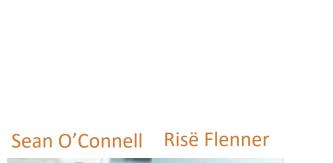


### **Tax Planning Enhancers**



Charitable transfers
 IC-DISC
 Opportunity Zone Funds







#### **Estate Freezes**



- ✓ U.S. Estate Tax
- ✓ Gifting
- Installment sale to IDGT Intentionally Defective Grantor Trust
- Private annuities





#### **Estate Freezes**

GRATs – Grantor Retained Annuity Trust
 CLATs – Charitable Lead Annuity Trust
 FLPs – Family Limited Partnerships







#### Key Takeaways

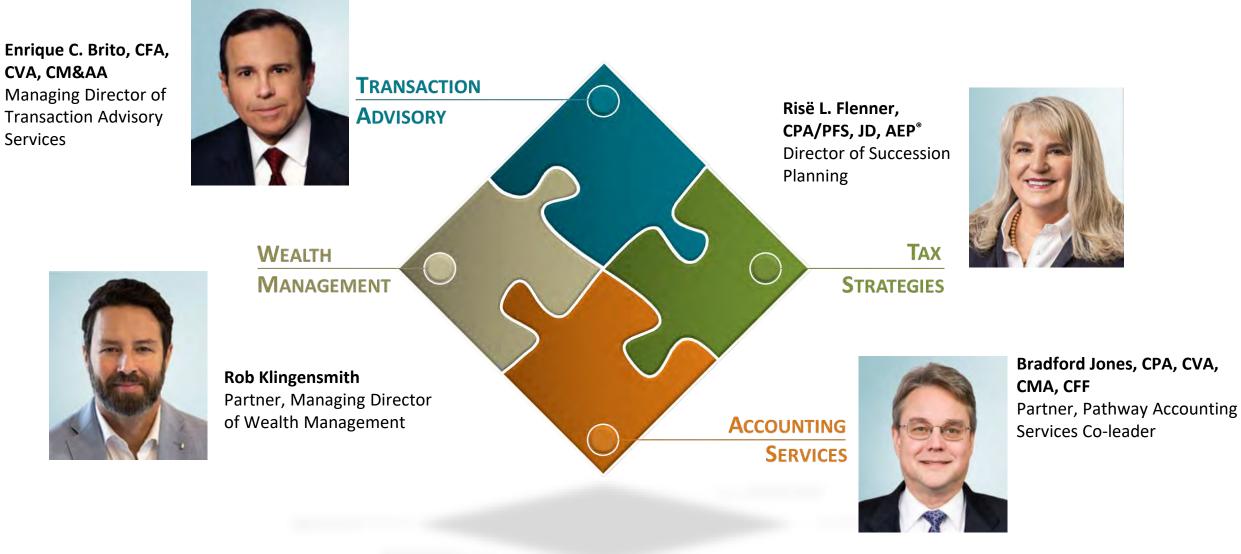
- ✓ 5+ ways to structure a deal to reduce income taxes
- Deferring the payment of taxes is also valuable
- State income taxes should be considered
- Planning in advance of sale creates opportunities for savings
- Don't lose sight of estate tax exposure
- Selling a business should involve a process





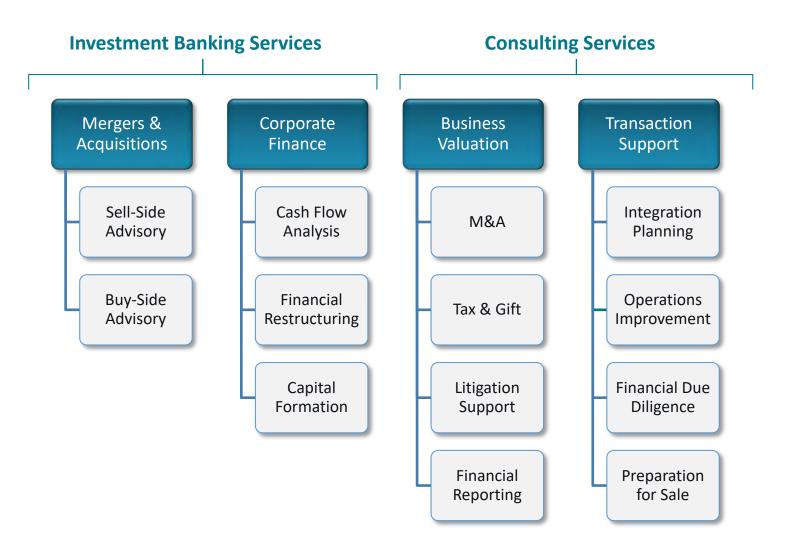
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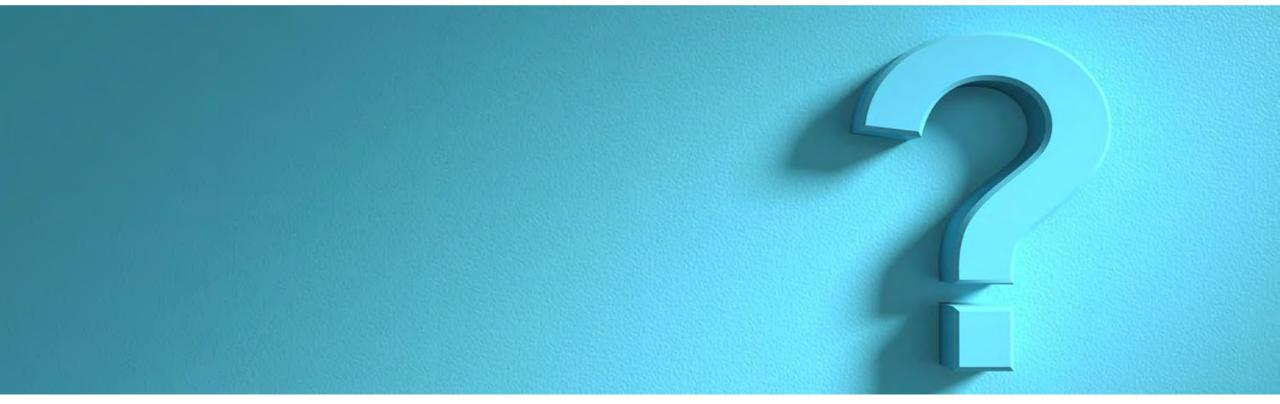
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#### Questions







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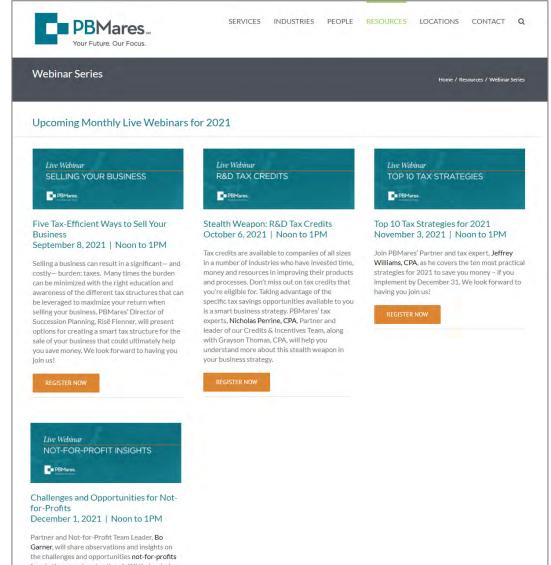
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