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PERSONAL ISSUES YES NO	
Do you need to assess the progress you made toward your goals last year? If so, consider the following:	
 Review and compare your financial models, comparing a snapshot of where you are today to last year and/or a prior time. Inventory your recent accomplishments to identify what strategies worked well. 	
Have you identified new goals for this year or the future? If so, assign a priority and time horizon, and incorporate them into your overall plan.	
Are there any life events that are likely to occur for yourself or your immediate family this year (e.g., move, marriage, birth, higher education, job change, retirement, illness, death)?	
Do you need to confirm whether you or any family members will reach a milestone age this year? If so, reference the "Important Milestones" guide.	
Are you concerned about any variables or circumstances that could potentially impact your plans for this year?	
CASH FLOW ISSUES YES NO	
Do you expect your household income and/or expenses to	
change materially this year? Do you need to review your cash flow plan? If so, evaluate your	
actual income and expenses, and adjust your spending plan as necessary.	
Do you need to review your employee benefits to ensure that	
you are taking advantage of what your employer offers? If so, consider maxing out annual contributions to any retirement accounts, Health Savings Account, Flexible Spending Account, and/or Dependent Care Flexible Spending Account.	
Are you able to contribute to an IRA? If so, consider the following: ■ Fund a Roth IRA, make deductible contributions to a traditional IRA, or make after-tax contributions to a traditional IRA, depending upon your eligibility. (continue on next column)	

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ASSET & DEBT ISSUES (CONTINUED)	YES	NO	INSURANCE ISSUES
> Do you need to review your asset location across the accounts in your portfolio? If so, consider holding tax-efficient investments in taxable accounts, and tax-inefficient investments in tax-preferred accounts.			Do you expect any changes wi medical treatments? If so, cons insurance coverage and alternat Do you need to review your lif
If you have a mortgage, should you explore refinancing?			Do you need new or increased
• Are there debts that you would like to eliminate this year? If so, strategically target debts with the least favorable terms first.			Is it time to explore (or review
Are you a co-signer/guarantor on any loans/agreements? If so, check in with the other interested parties to confirm the terms, payment history, current status, etc.			Have you made any improven acquired new valuables? If so, insurance (homeowners, renters adding riders as appropriate.
Will you potentially need to borrow funds this year?			adding riders as appropriate.
Do you need to review your credit report/score?			LEGAL ISSUES
Do you need to freeze your credit?			LEGAL ISSUES
			Do you need to review your es
TAX ISSUES	YES	NO	Do you need to review the titl
Do you need to collect tax forms and organize other documents in preparation for filing income tax returns for last year? If so, use last year's filings and/or a tax organizer to begin to gather all information necessary for filing Form 1040 and any state returns. Did you make taxable gifts, or do you want to split gifts for last			Are you, or will you be, serving following: Review your duties and your pupholding applicable standard lif you are an Executor or Trust whether a distribution and elembe prudent.
year? If so, collect documentation necessary for filing Form 709.			Have any new laws gone into
 Would Roth conversions be beneficial this year? Did you fail to make an IRA contribution for the prior tax year, but would you like to do so? If so, you have until Tax Day (excluding extensions) this year to make a contribution for last year. 			financial plan? If so, consider h tax situation, estate plan, etc. m steps might be necessary.
Do you own investments in taxable accounts that are likely to make capital gains or income distributions (e.g., certain mutual funds and ETFs)? If so, consider your cost basis and whether it might be advantageous to sell in advance of such distributions.			 Are you subject to any new consults such arrangements expire? If you own a business, are the this year?
> Do you need to review your unrealized gains and losses and create a harvesting strategy?			Are there any state-specific is

INSURANCE ISSUES		
> Do you expect any changes with regard to your health or medical treatments? If so, consider reviewing your health insurance coverage and alternate options.		
Do you need to review your life insurance coverage?		
Do you need new or increased disability insurance coverage?		
ls it time to explore (or review existing) LTC insurance?		
Have you made any improvements to your property or acquired new valuables? If so, consider reviewing your property insurance (homeowners, renters, etc.), increasing coverage and/or adding riders as appropriate.		
LEGAL ISSUES	YES	NO
Do you need to review your estate plan?		
Do you need to review the titling/ownership of your assets?		
 Are you, or will you be, serving as a fiduciary? If so, consider the following: Review your duties and your performance to ensure that you are upholding applicable standards. If you are an Executor or Trustee of an irrevocable trust, consider whether a distribution and election under the 65-Day Rule would be prudent. 		
Have any new laws gone into effect that might impact your financial plan? If so, consider how your saving strategies, income tax situation, estate plan, etc. might have been affected and what steps might be necessary.		
Are you subject to any new contracts/agreements, or did any such arrangements expire?		
If you own a business, are there any changes on the horizon this year?		
Are there any state-specific issues to consider?		