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## Speaker Biography – Kim Kamin



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Kim serves on the Editorial Advisory Board of Trusts & Estates Magazine for their UHNW Families and Family Office subcommittee, has published on a wide variety of topics, and is a frequent lecturer in a variety of venues across the country. She is co-executive editor and co-author for the Leimberg Library Tools & Techniques book, Estate Planning for Modern Families (4th Ed. 2024).

Kim received her B.A. from Stanford University and her J.D. from the University of Chicago Law School. She is an AEP® (Distinguished) and a 21/64 Certified Advisor.

# Planning For Flexibility

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## Historical Context – Gift Tax Exemptions

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❖ 1987-1997	➡	\$600,000
❖ 2010	➡	\$1 million
❖ 2012	➡	\$5.12 million
❖ 2018	➡	\$11.18 million
❖ 2025	➡	\$13.99 million
❖ 2026	➡	\$15 million

# Major Legislation Affecting Transfer Taxes (1980-Present)

<u>Legislation</u>	<u>Date of Enactment</u>
Economic Recovery Tax Act of 1981 (ERTA)	August 13, 1981
Tax Reform Act of 1986	October 22, 1986
Omnibus Budget - Reconciliation Act of 1990 (OBRA 1990)	November 5, 1990
Taxpayer Relief Act of 1997	August 5, 1997
Economic Growth and Tax - Relief Reconciliation Act of 2001 (EGTRRA)	June 7, 2001
Tax Relief, Unemployment Insurance Reauthorization, and Job Creation Act of 2010	December 17, 2010
American Taxpayer Relief Act of 2012 (ATRA)	January 2, 2013
Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017 (TCJA)	December 22, 2017
One Big Beautiful Bill Act (OBBBA)	July 4, 2025

## Discussion Topics

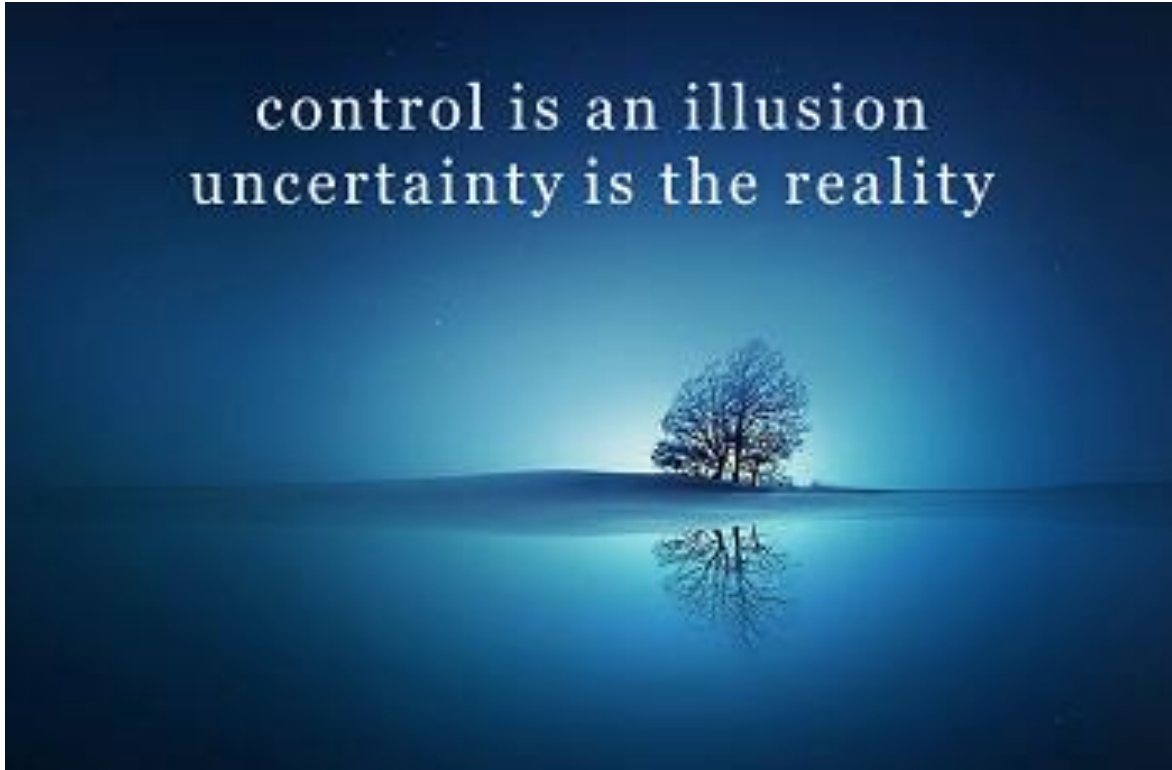
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- ❖ Embrace Inherent Uncertainty
- ❖ Understand the Opportunities
- ❖ Getting Back to Basics and Providing Value
- ❖ Fundamentals for Using Exemptions
- ❖ Planning to Maximize Flexibility and Optionality
- ❖ Modifying Existing Trusts

# Estate Planning Is Inherently Uncertain

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control is an illusion  
uncertainty is the reality



# Understand the Opportunity

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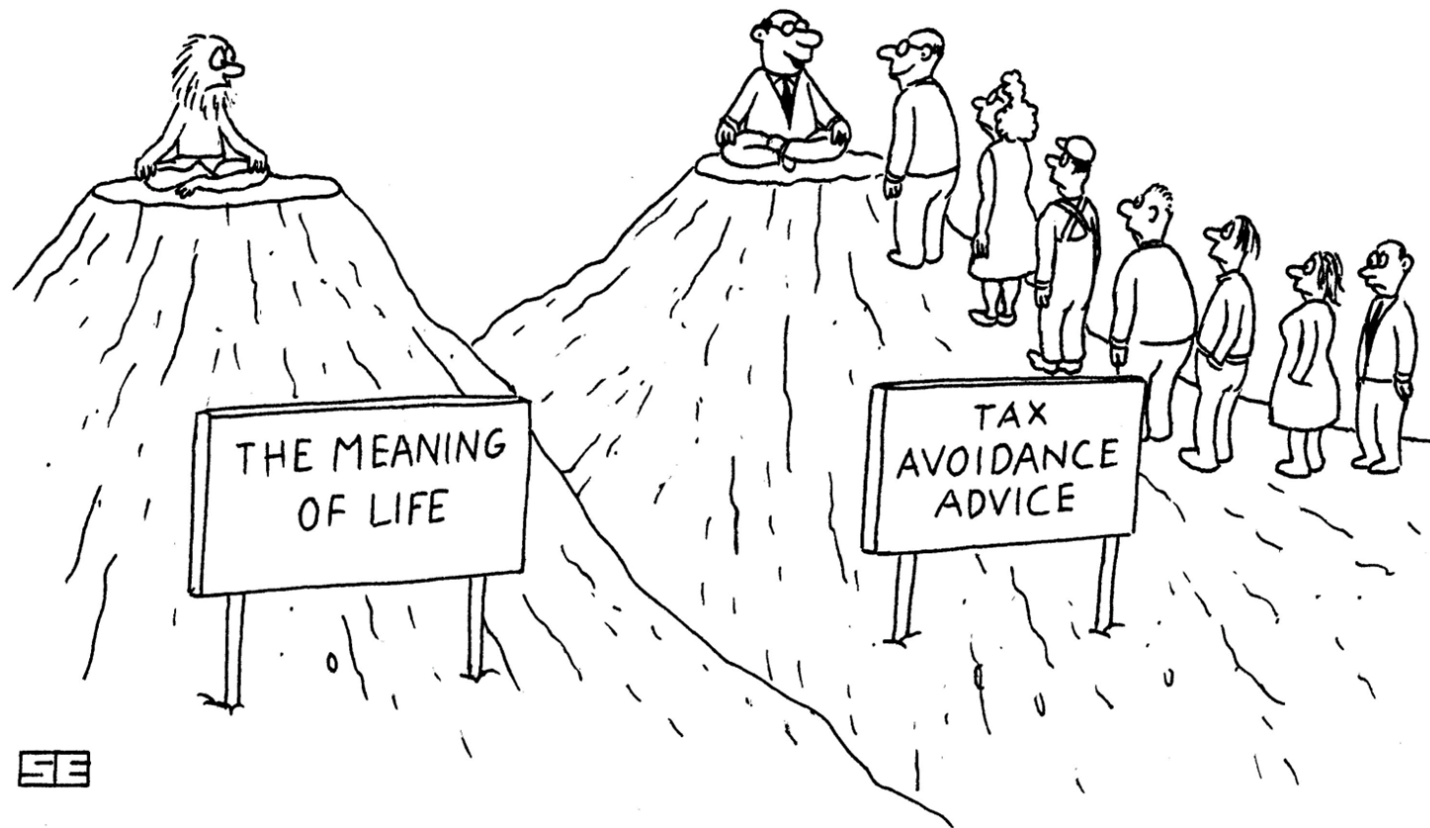




# Get Back to Basics

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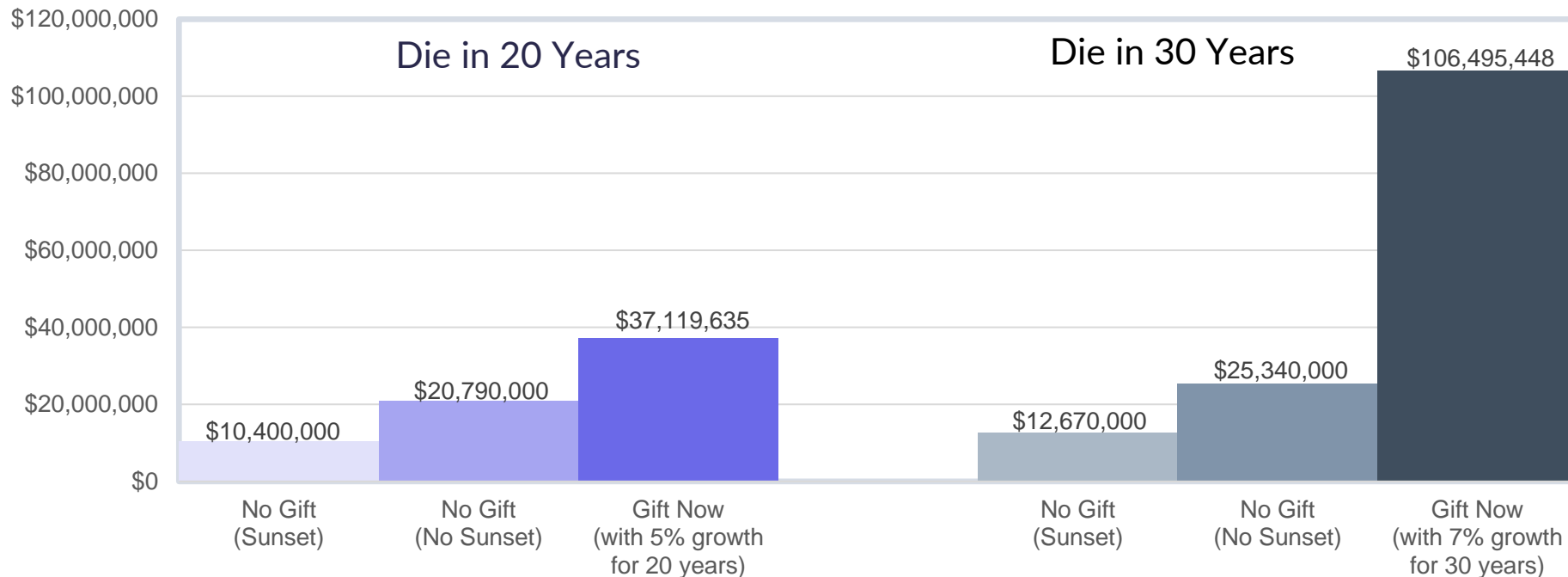
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# Fundamentals for Using Exemptions

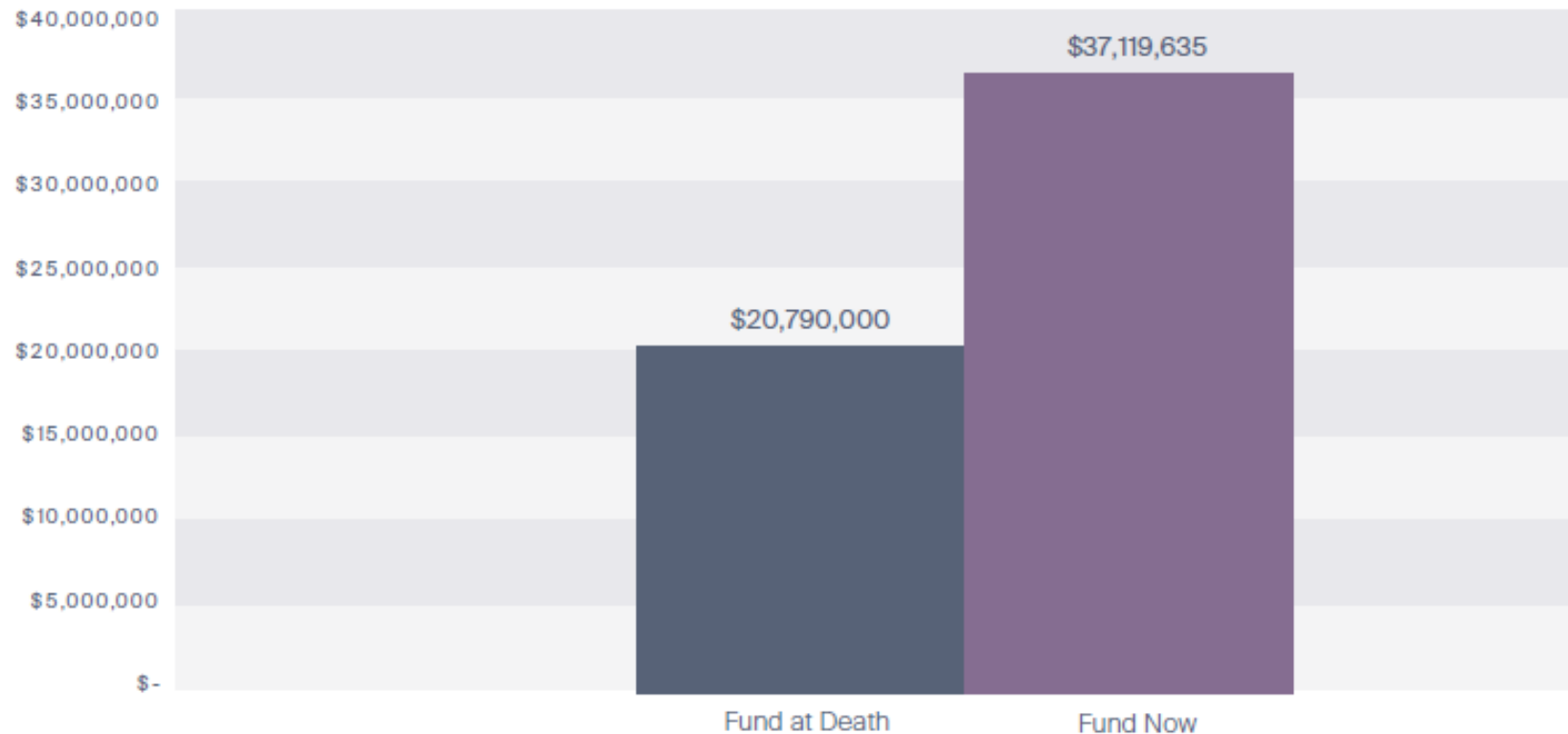
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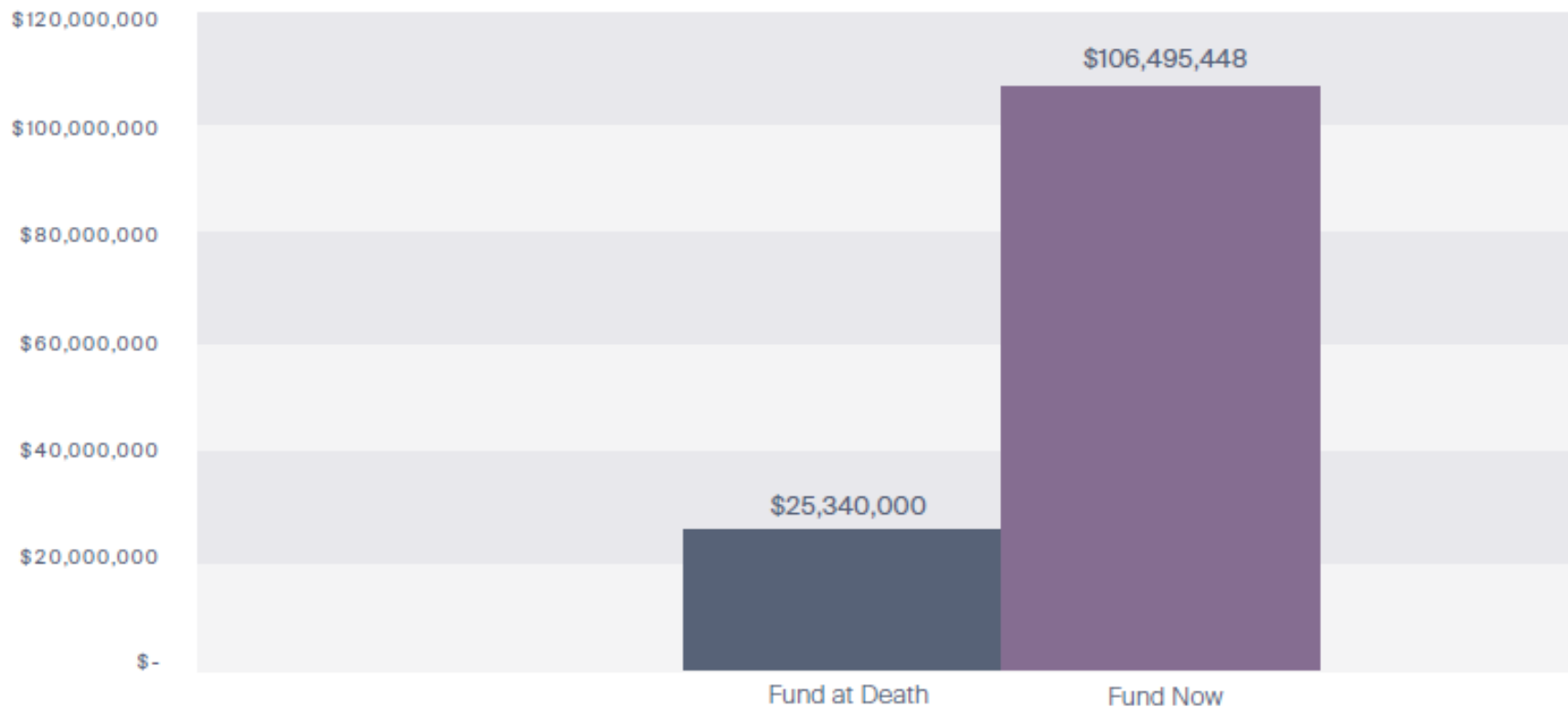
# Benefit of Full 2025 Exemption Gift to Dynasty Trust



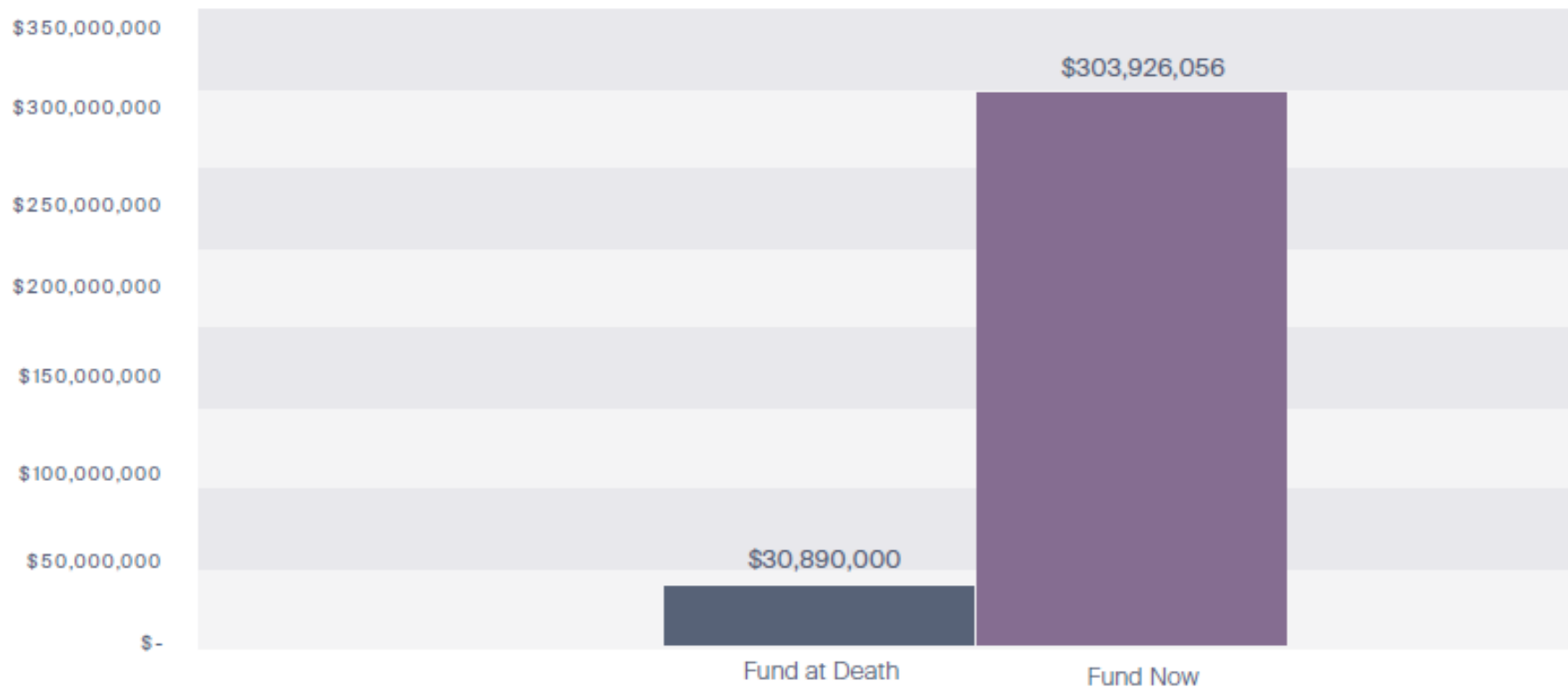
# Survives 20 years with 5% Avg Growth



# Survives 30 years with 7% Avg Growth



# Survives 40 years with 8% Avg Growth



# Flexibility with Grantor Trusts

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# Structural Optionality

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**SPAT**

**SLAT**

**Dynasty Trust**

**Springing DAPT**

**DAPT**

**Springing SLAT**

**Back End SLAT**

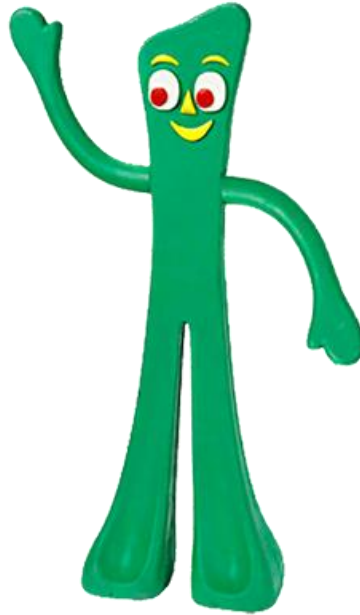
## Additional Strategies

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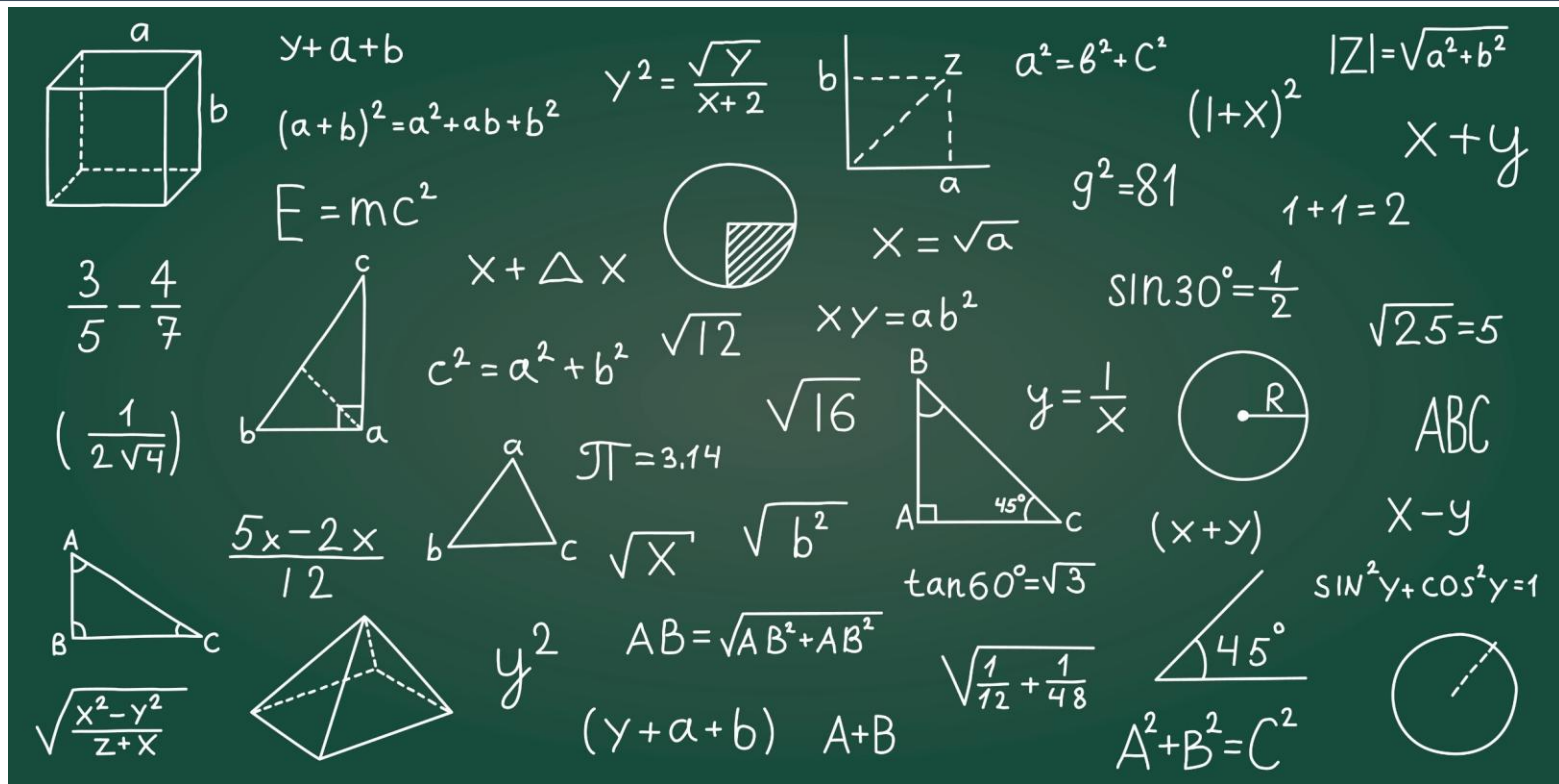
- ❖ Qualified Personal Residence Trusts (QPRTs)
- ❖ Grantor Retained Annuity Trusts (GRATs)
- ❖ Installment Sales to GST-Exempt Trust

# Drafting with Flexibility

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# Formula Valuation Clauses to Mitigate Risk



# Advanced Planning - Beyond the Basics

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# Approaches for Modifying Existing Trusts

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- ❖ Exercise Powers of Appointment
- ❖ Trust Protector Amendment or Restatement
- ❖ Trust Merger
- ❖ Common Law Decanting
- ❖ Statutory Decanting
- ❖ Court Modification
- ❖ Non-Judicial Settlement Agreement (NJSA)
- ❖ Use Trust and Estate Dispute Resolution Act (TEDRA)

# Don't Do Stupid Stuff

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# Act, Don't Just React

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# Concluding Remarks

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# Q & A

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