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## FEDERAL ESTATE AND GIFT TAX, LW8379 Professor Cochran

FINAL EXAMINATION
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#### 1993

Ellie was born in 1923. She married Jock in 1945. Their first child, J.R., was born in 1948, and their second child, Bobby, was born in 1953. J.R. has one child, John Ross, who was born in 1982. Bobby has one child, Christopher, who was born in 1984. Jock died in 1989, leaving his entire estate (\$4 million after expenses and taxes) in trust, with the income payable to Ellie for life and the remainder to be distributed among Jock's lineal descendants in such proportions as Ellie directs in her will. You may assume that Jock never made any taxable gifts.

Since Jock's death, Ellie has been keeping company with Dusty. Dusty and Ellie have decided to get married. J.R. and Bobby are concerned, because Dusty is several years younger than Ellie -- Dusty was born in 1963. They fear that he is only after her money. To placate J.R. and Bobby, Ellie and Dusty enter into a pre-nuptial agreement. Dusty relinquishes all rights to Ellie's property in exchange for \$1 million in cash and securities, which Ellie transfers to Dusty on November 30, 1993. Ellie also agrees to leave Dusty her residence and all furnishings if she predeceases him. Also as part of the agreement, Ellie establishes five trusts, which are described below. Ellie and Dusty are married in January of 1994.

The five trusts, to which Ellie transfers \$1 million each on November 30, 1993, are as follows:

Trust #1 provides for all income to be paid to J.R. for life, remainder to John Ross. When the trust is established, the actuarial value of J.R.'s life estate is \$910,000, and the actuarial value of John Ross's remainder is \$90,000.

Trust #2 provides for all income to be paid to Bobby for life, remainder to Christopher. When the trust is established, the actuarial value of Bobby's life estate is \$930,000, and the actuarial value of Christopher's remainder is \$70,000.

Trust #3 provides for all income to be paid to Ellie for life, with the remainder to be divided equally between J.R. and Bobby upon Ellie's death. At the time the trust is established, Ellie's life estate has an actuarial value of \$680,000, and the two remainder interests are worth \$160,000 each.

Trust #4 provides for all income to be paid to Ellie's mother, Martha, for life, and the corpus is to be distributed to Ellie at Martha's death. If Ellie predeceases Martha, the trust is to terminate and the corpus is to be distributed to Martha outright. The actuarial value of Martha's life estate is \$300,000, the actuarial value of Ellie's reversion is \$600,000, and the actuarial value of Martha's contingent remainder is \$100,000.

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Trust #5 provides for all income to be paid to Ellie for life, with the corpus to be distributed to St. Mary's University at Ellie's death. The actuarial value of Ellie's life estate is \$680,000, and the actuarial value of the remainder is \$320,000.

All five trusts are irrevocable and managed by an independent trustee.

#### 1995

Ellie dies in 1995, survived by Dusty, J.R., Bobby, John Ross, Christopher, and Martha. At the time of her death, Ellie is the outright owner of the following property:

Cash, Stocks, & Bonds	\$10,000,000
Investment Real Estate	\$1,500,000
Residence	\$1,000,000
Household Furnishings	\$500,000
Art Collection	\$700,000
Clothing and Jewelry	\$300,000

Ellie's will gives the residence and furnishings to Dusty and leaves the balance of her estate, after payment of expenses and taxes, in equal shares to J.R. and Bobby. Ellie's will also provides that the corpus of Jock's trust, which now amounts to \$6 million, is to be divided into two equal shares. One share is to be paid to John Ross, and the other share is to be paid to Christopher. Under the terms of Jock's will, the share of each grandchild will be held in trust until he reaches age 35, but the trustee (a bank) has discretion to distribute income or corpus to the extent it is in the best interests of the beneficiary. The expenses of administering Ellie's estate total \$300,000.

At the time of Ellie's death, each of the five trusts she created in 1993 has a corpus of \$1,200,000. The actuarial value of J.R.'s life estate in Trust #1 is \$1,080,000, and the actuarial value of the remainder is \$120,000. The actuarial value of Bobby's life estate in Trust #2 is \$1,100,000, and the actuarial value of the remainder is \$100,000. Immediately before Ellie's death, her life estate in Trust #3 had an actuarial value of \$780,000 (as did the life estate in Trust #5), and the remainder had an actuarial value of \$420,000 (as did the remainder interest in Trust #5). Martha's life estate in Trust #4 had an actuarial value of \$330,000, Ellie's reversion had an actuarial value of \$740,000, and Martha's contingent remainder had an actuarial value of \$130,000 immediately before Ellie's death.

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### Question One

- A. Determine the amount of Ellie's Taxable Gifts for 1993. Please explain.
- B. Assume that Ellie has made no Taxable Gifts in prior years. Determine Ellie's gift tax liability for 1993.
- C. Please discuss the current and future Generation Skipping Transfer Tax consequences of Ellie's 1993 transfers. Determine the amount of Generation Skipping Transfer Tax, if any, that Ellie will owe for 1993.

#### Question Two

- A. Determine the amount of Ellie's Gross Estate.
- B. Determine the amount of Ellie's Taxable Estate.
- C. Determine the Federal Estate Tax liability of Ellie's estate.
- D. Describe any Generation Skipping Transfers that occur at Ellie's death and determine the amount of Generation Skipping Transfer Tax liability, if any.

#### Notes:

- 1. You should assume that none of the property described on this exam is community property.
- 2. Your ultimate answers may depend on whether certain elections are made (or have been made at some point in the past). Please indicate clearly your assumptions regarding whether such elections have or have not been made. You should describe generally how the result would differ under alternative assumptions, but you need not prepare alternative calculations.

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## Question 1

## A. Ellie's taxable gifts for 1993:

Trust #1 -	Gift of income interest to J.R.	\$ 910,000
	Gift to John Ross of remainder	\$ 90,000
Trust #2	Gift of income interest to Bobby	\$ 930,000
	Gift of remainder to Christopher	\$ 70,000
Trust #3	Gift falls under § 2702 so life estate	
	is valued at -0- & Ellie makes gift of	\$1,000,000
Trust #4	Gift of entire interest (reversion not Qualified)	\$1,000,000
Trust #5	Gift doesn't meet requirements of valualified annuity or unitrust (taxable GIFT but not deductible)	\$ 320,000
Gift of \$1 million to Dusty in exchange for relinquishing his marital property rights is a gift as his property rights are not consideration under the code in		
mone	y or money's worth	\$1,000,000
Less:	4 \$10,000 exemptions [J.R.'s & Bobby's Life estate & Martha's present life estate; Dusty's current gift of \$1 mil cash]	\$ 40,000
	1993 Total amount of gifts	\$5,280,000
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No \$ 10,000 exemption allowed for any future interests (remainders).

The charitable remainder to St. Mary's Law School is not deductible as it does not meet the requirements of a qualified charitable remainder annuity trust or a charitable remainder unitrust.

In Trust #5. Martha's transfer of \$680,000 life estate for herself is not a gift as a taxpayer cannot make a gift to himself. The gift of the charitable remainder is a gift for gift tax purposes, it just does not qualify for the charitable deduction (or the \$10,000 exclusion as it is also a future interest).

The promise to give Dusty Ellie's home and furnishings is not a present gift because Ellie has neither placed the home in trust or otherwise irrevocably conveyed Dusty's right to the home. If she did transfer the home into trust, the furnishings would not qualify for special exclusion under § 2702, only the home would qualify as a qualified interest.

## B. Ellie's gift tax liability for 1993

Ellie's total gifts after the § 2503(b) exclusion	\$ 5,280,000
Tax on \$5,280,000	2,544,800
Less: Unified Credit	192,800
	MIN 1970 1970 1970 1970 1940 1960 1960 1980 1980 1980 1980 1980 1980 1980 198
Total gift tax liability for 1993	\$ 2,352,000

Use of unified credit is mandatory for gift tax.

## C. Current & Future GST tax consequences

Ellie's \$1 million gift to Dusty is a direct skip as Dusty is 40 years younger than Ellie and they were not married at the time she gifted him the money (which would automatically bump him up to her generation for GST tax purposes). The GST tax on this direct skip, if paid by Ellie will also be a part of her taxable gifts under § 2515. It is therefore necessary to calculate her GST tax for 1993 before computing her gift tax liability above. In this case, however, since Ellie has not to our knowledge ever made any gifts, her \$1 million GST exemption will cover any tax liability for GST taxes on this direct skip and our calculation of her 1993 gift tax liability will remain unchanged.

Whether or not the trusts to Ellie's sons for life with remainder to her grandson will be taxed as a direct skip or a taxable termination depends upon whether or not Jock made a QTIP election or a reverse QTIP election on his estate tax return. If a QTIP election only was made with regard to Ellie's life estate, then the transferor of the property will then be Ellie and any GST made by her will have to be covered by her \$1 million exclusion. If a reverse QTIP election is made under §

2652(a)(3), Jock will be considered the transferor for the portion of his estate which he elected the reverse QTIP, thus enabling his \$1 million exemption to be utilized to transfer wealth to generations below.

At the time the trusts are created, the trust is not considered a skip person because no person with a current interest is a skip person. When J.R. and Bobby die, there will be a taxable termination because all of the remaining trust corpus will be distributed to skip persons.

Because Ellie's only 1993 GST was the direct skip to Dusty, she will not owe any GST tax for 1993. She could, however, allocate a portion of her \$1 million exemption to the future GST taxable terminations which will arise out of the trusts she has created for her 2 grandchildren. This would depend upon whether or not some of the GST tax might be covered if Jock elected reverse QTIP for part of his estate and there was actually \$2 million of exemption to be spread throughout these transfers.

One reason she might want to allocate her exemption to other than the direct skip would be to freeze the value of the GST at the present value of what assets were placed in trust and not eventually incur GST taxes on an appreciated value of the remainder interest.

OUTSTANDING JOB ON PART ONE

## Question 2

## A. Ellie's Gross Estate

Everything owned at death Corpus of trust from Jock's will (assuming he elected QTIP)	\$ 14,000,000 6,000,000	₹203 <sup>3</sup>
Gift tax paid on gifts within 3 years of death under § 2035	2,352,000	
Trust #3 included under § 2036	1,200,000	
Trust #4 Ellie's reversion interest	740,000	→ 2037 includes Martha's contingent
Trust #5 \$2036	1,200,000	marsha's contingent remainder, valued immediately before Ellie's death
Total gross estate	\$ 25,492,000	Ellie's death
B & C . Ellie's taxable estate & tax		
Gross estate Less: Expenses of administration Charity deduction Marital deduction	\$ 25,492,000 300,000 <u>420,000</u> 1,10 1,500,000	00,000 - the entire corpus goes to St. Mary &
Taxable Estate	\$ 23,272,000	

Plus: post-1976 taxable gifts not included in gross estate:

Trust #1	1,000,000 990
Trust #2	1,000,000 940
Gift to Dusty	1,000,000 990
Trust #4 gift of \$1 million less	
the \$740,000 reversion which	
is included in estate	260,000

Total amount to compute tax \$ 26,532,000

14,785,400

Less: gift tax payable on

post 1976 gifts

2,352,000

Less: Unified Credit

Tentative tax

192,800

Net estate tax payable

\$ 12,240,600

### D. GST at Ellie's death

The \$6 million from Jock's trust which is to be distributed equally to John Ross and Christopher will be a direct skip as these are grandchildren of Ellie's. Even though the funds are to be held in trust for the 2 grandchildren until age 35, there is a present interest in the trust corpus because the independent trustee has full discretion to distribute corpus or income to each of the grandchildren as he sees fit. This is a direct skip because no person holding a present interest in the trust is a non-skip person & both interest holders are skip persons. The 2 grandchildren are deemed to have a present interest in the trust because they have a present interest in receiving both income and/or principal as required under the trust instrument.

The \$1.5 million to Dusty involves no GST because even though he is 40 years younger than Ellie, he was married to her at her death and therefore has the same generation assignment as Ellie.

The Trust #1 and #2 will result in taxable terminations upon the death of J.R. and Bobby respectively, but Ellie's death does not trigger any GST on these 2 trusts.

GST rate = Maximum estate tax rate times the inclusion ratio

Inclusion ratio = 1 minus the applicable fraction

Applicable fraction = amount of exemption allocated to this transfer/ amount transferred.

If we assume that Ellie allocated all of her \$1 million exemption to the gift to Dusty of \$1 million prior to their marriage, the GST on this \$6 million direct skip will be as follows:

GST rate = 55% times 1 or 55%; 55% of \$6 million = 3,300,000

The applicable fraction would be zero because there would be no exemption left. Please note, however the previous discussion regarding a reverse QTIP election Jock could have made in order to fully utilize both his \$1 million exemption and Ellie's \$1 million exclusion for GST. The amount of exemption would depend upon this and whether or not Ellie elected to also allocate some of her \$1 million exemption to the future taxable terminations in the 2 trusts she set up for her son's with remainders to her grandchildren while she was alive.

## Tustion 1

A. The first gift to address is Ellie's exchange of 1,000,000 in cook and securities to Dusty on Nov. 30, 1993. The issue is whether as not Dusty provided valuable consideration for the exchange. Under contract law, Ellie might have an argument that the pre-neptial agreement was adquale consideration for the money. However, 2512 (6) says that when property in transferred for less than adequibe consideration in "money or nuneries worth shell be deemed a sift. a pre-nup tral agreement is not money or money is worth." also, Weymes is on point, in applying 2512 the court held that forfeiture of an income intuit in an old trust was not consideration in "money or money's worth".

addendum - Because Ellie and Dustry were not morried entil 1994, this gift will not qualify > for the marital deduction under 2523.

Thus, the \$1 million to Dusty would be a Completed gift" in 1993. The truster of residence and furnishings is testamentary in nature because it was made continged on whether or not Dusty survives her and if so it would take effects at her death. Thus, this is not a completed gift for gift tox purposes). Trut #1 will be subject to a gift tax on the \$1 million corpus. 2512(0) says to value the gift at the date of the gift, as to the fair market value FMV. Trust #2 will also relult in a completed gift " for the same reasons noted above. a completed gift " require

relinguishing "dominion and control", although denetive entent is inclevent for sift top purposes. (Weymus). Trust #3 - The general rule is that the gift to the first of the remainder to G.R. and Bobby is all that would be subject to gift tax. (2511 does allows gifts made to trusts). However, 2702 applier leve, which involves Special Valuation Rules in case of handers of intensts in thisto. It says that a trousfee of on interest to a family member (Q.R. and Bobby, are her sons ) is to be valued at the full amount. None of the exceptions apply, these the amount of the gift is 1,000,000. The

policy reason for this is that we don't want the truster to be able to vary the income priminder intenses vin inconsistent distributions. Trust #4 The amount of the gift would be the entire I amount paid to the frust minus Ellie's reversion of hintered. Thus, the gift, completed, is 45. The completed gift" in this trust is the remainder to the chuity of \$300,000. However, there is no Charitable deduction allowed under 2522 during life because there are no qualified thusts involved. (C.R.A.T. or C.R. M.T.), Thur, she will chave to wait until death to take the

# Charitable deduction. Thus, Clair taxable gifts

for 1993 me as follows: Present Furture \$1,000,000 Questy G.R. John Row Tuest #1 1, on, on Bobby Christopher Trust #2  $1, \infty, \infty$ Trust #3  $1, \infty, \infty$ 400,000 Trust #4 Months slautha 320,000 Turst \*5 Charity 4,720,00 = Taxable lifts "

2503 Says that "taxable gifts" men the total arrowd of gifts made during the calendar year bus charitable or marital dishections allowed.

2503 (6) - allows Ellie a "10,000 exclusion from taxable gifted, sper doner, made during the calendar year for all present interests and not future interests. Thus, Outty, J.R., Bobby and Marke would all be entitled to the exclusion because their interests are present and not a remainder.

4.720,000 Taxable Gifts

- 40,000 Exclusion

4,680,000 Taxable amount

B. answer .

4, 680, 000 Taxable amount

2,214, 800 2001(e) Imposition of Tax 924,000

192, 800 2505 Unified Culit

2,022,000 Total 9:14 tax due 1993

The above coloulation assumed that Ellie had never made any prior gifts which would have pushed us up highle in the rite shouter.).

C. The first CST issue to address in whether the

rule under 265/ (d) of general in assignment

is that persons who are not liked descendants

shall be classified by total discopancy in age.

Ellie is 40 years older than Dusty, then,

2651 (d) would assign iOustry to the 2nd generation

below the transfer would qualify as a

derick skip hander under 26126). a Chap. 12

Complèted 3:7+ + 2 or more generations renove. However, (D) applied only of the peron cannot be assigned according to 2651 (0) ar(e). (6) applier to the muital westingship and world put susty Tho the same category as the transferor. However, my argument is going to be that like the disallowance of the muital deduction, BST is going to apply in this case because the 2 were not married as of 12/31/93. Trust #1 is not a "skip-pusm" be cause J.R. has a queent interest and he is not a skip person. On his death to never, a taxable fermination will occur and cause CST to apply.

Trust #3 has no GST implications at all because J. R. and Bobby are only I generation removed from the Ganglera. Trust #4 has no GST implications because none of the trust recipients are below the generation of the transferre. The same is true for trust #5. Thus, the total CST effect on Ellie's 1993 dia hubit, one are follows:

#1,000,000 "Derect 3kip" to Dudy

1,000,000 CST exemption 263/

GST try liability for 1993 However, 2515 would apply here because the

gift was a "duck skip". This would increase

The gift tax by \$1,000,000 x 5500 or 550,000. In a lâter, because Ellie les unes all of Lee CST examption, the inclusion ratio will be 1 (1-0) for trusts #1 and #2 upon Heir taxable termination. However, if Ellie received the property from Jock win the 2056(0)(7) election (which she would of had to made because Ellie' in tend is terminable under 2056(D) The could her the "transferor" for EST puposes, she end make a partial reverse O-TiP election under 2652(2)(3) which effectively make Joek the transferor for GST purposes). The partial "splitting" of huston

would be allowed under 2654-110(2) if
it was a fair representation of the asselv.
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Tustin #2 A. Ellies Gross Etale:

> 15t we must determine what Ellie owned ordright at deith. 2033 would exclude this property and the Valuation is "the moment after the decederal's duth "at FMV (Goodman V. Granger) Under 2033 we would in clude all of the property listed (even the exempt property such as the residence and jewery) for a total of 14 million. The next issue in Jack's trust. assuming a 2056 (6)(9) Q-T,P sledion was made (had to because Les interest was terminable if they wanted

debection at Joek's death) at Jock's death,

the property would have gassed tay free under Jack's estate. Under normal circumstances, had the O-TIP election act hen made, nothing would be included at Ellie's dente kecause she has no intenst at death and was already taxed once in Joek's estate. a marriage is deemed to be I economic unit. The Cost of the O-TIP election is that Ellie in cludes the entire amond in her estate under 2044. Under 2207A, the surviving sponse's executor can secone the tax payable ont of the trest assets, so the serving sporse is not tred of

addendum - Ellie had a power to appoint the expess of her death. This power was non-general or special "because she had to appoint only to the direct (inial descendants) and could not appoint to herself. Thus, 2041 would be D/A assuming no Q-TIP election was made by Jock's estable.

unfaily. This, at Ellie's deall, she would Thelude the enter 6 million value in her estate under 2044. Trust #I - Ellie has ne intenst in Aust #1 and therefore would include of in her estate. However, the issue of 2035 applies - Transfer mede within 3 egs. of death. 2035(d)(1) will act to exempt this Gransfer because the Gransfer tay was handled via the gift tax and the facts Had 2035(d)(2) in N/A, However, 2035(e) will apply to bring back the wealth lost by payment of the gift tax.

Trust #2 - See discussion for twit #1. Trust #3 - This is the classic 2036 transfer of property with a retained life estate. Thus, the FMV of the entire corpus at death, \$ 1,000,000, will be brought back in as paid of her artificial gross Tuest #4- Ellie's gross estate umlf include the FMV of the trust minus the value of Martha's life estable, at deth, ender 2037. 1/200,000 - 330,000 Marques minier reversión 740,00 - 130,000 2031 applies when (1) Possession or original can only ke obtaine I beg surviving the

decedent. Marthe's continguil remaindan is He say indense subject to this and the Value of the reversion is greater than 5 000 immediately before death. (which it was)

1/30,000

The this case ). Thus, \$440,000 is the amount in sluded under 2031 at Ellies death. 2035 (d)(2) also applies. 2033 is 0/a because the value immedrately of sec don't for Ellie is f. See West Blue Book ! ->

(and.)
Trust #5'- World include the FMV of
the trust corpus at date of deceders is  41,200,000  death under 2036. Ellie retained a
life estate. She will be entitled
to a shoritable deduction for the amount
that purer to the charity at death, \$400,000.
Ellie's total gross estate will be as follows
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2036 (T#3) 1,200,080/
2037 (1#4) 130,000
2036 (7#5) 1,200,000
\$22,530,00

In order to determine Ellis's taxable entable the deductions have to be made: 2053 - \$300, on of administrilia expenses because it fits I of the extension set forth under 2053. Jungst the entire \$1,700,000 corps! 2055 - \$420,00) to the St. Mary's Unis. Una the trust, which became absolute upon 2056 - 1,500,000 for the unidence and furnishings to Ellie's hurband Dusty, The "in trust" is in fee and thus is not subject to the terminable in terist rule.

Thus, Ellie's towable estate is as follows: 1<sup>4</sup>22, 530, 080 Gross Estate Deductions: £300,000 2053 420,000 2055 2056 1,500,000 2,220,000 Taxable Estate

V+ 2035(c) 120,310, on 2,022,000 22, 332, 000 C. Tay liability: 22, 332, 080 Taxable Estate + Torable gifts not included in Cross Estate Dusty \$1,000,000 Trust #I 1,200,00 Two #2 1,200,00 Trust #3 excluded 400K-130K) Trust #4 \$20,000 1 (Trust #5 306,000) 3 990.00 Net ister Payable 26, 322,000 2001 Tax - 5500 14,477,100

2601 Tax: 14,477,100 24, 800 Yess: Section 2010 chelit 2,022,000 hers! Stift for paid Nel estate for payable 12,262,300 D. GST at Ellie's dust: The dishi bed in, by will, to John Ross and Christopher in equal shows represents a GST. The result is a "duict skip" IN because the beneficieur are 2 generations removed from the transferor." Thus, seeken 2612 in met: Chap. 11 distribution + GST. Ellie can make a partial reverse Q-TIP election under 2652 which would make

Joek the transferor instead of her, their allowing him to use his t/million CST Exemption. ( See priving explanation as to why partial Q-TIP muy be elected, although, here 74 doesn't mather because she has used up all her CST during life and therefore should reverse O-TSP the whole.) The remaining 5 million would be subject to GST tox. Trust #1 and trust #2 are effected for GST purposed only upon J. R. and Bobby; death. The 2033 property left ordisks to John and Bobby is not CST because Hey are only I general in removed.

and now that Dusty and Ellie were married, there is no GST as to his necipt of the bequests because le is now assigned to the same generation as Ellie. We must also assume that John and Christopher's parents are still alive, otherwise the generation would be "bumped up" and no G57 would ocem. The G5T limbility at Ellier death: would be: 3,000,000 1,000,00 GST a, m, m7'80,800 GST (200i) 1,290,800 GST (2001)