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Dear Bob:

2018 Month-at-a-Glance Calendar

It's a pleasure to enclose our annual gift to you. If you don't use it, please feel free to pass it along to other family members, colleagues, or friends.

Privacy Notices

Every year I send Privacy Notices to our clients both for the Broker-Dealer, H. Beck, Inc. and Professional Financial Services, Inc. Enclosed are these notices for 2017.

Recent Events

My wife, Linda, and I had the opportunity to take a cruise to Spain, Portugal, and part of the UK this summer. It started in Bilboa, Spain and ended in Barcelona. The fact is we docked the morning after the terrorist attack in Barcelona. Our hotel was only 2 blocks from the site of the attacks, and if we had docked one day earlier, we could have easily been in it. The day we arrived, I walked to the site and witnessed throngs of people around makeshift memorials. It was a reminder about the strength and resilience of humanity.

Then came the hurricanes and devastation in Texas and Florida, a senseless, horrible attack on a crowd in Las Vegas, and now, horrific fires in California.

Out of all these tragedies, the same thing happens each time. People come together, face up to the tragedies and rebuild their lives. The human spirit is an amazing thing to witness. We are all so blessed to live where we do and to have what we have.

Each one of these events provide clear evidence that lives can be dramatically changed in a moment's notice. I constantly stress the important power of planning. Sometimes it takes a tragedy to really bring the point home. There is no doubt that planning won't necessarily prevent tragedies, but it can go a long way in making the outcomes less onerous.

<u>Markets</u>

Equity markets continue to be amazing. Check this out.

	<u>1/1/12</u>	<u>1/1/13</u>	<u>1/1/16</u>	<u>1/1/17</u>	<u>10/1/17</u>
Dow Jones	12,218	13,104	17,425	19,763	21,948
S&P 500	1,258	1,426	2,044	2,239	2,472
NASDAQ	2,605	3,020	5,007	5,383	6,429

Source: Leimberg & LeClair, Inc.

The Standard & Poor's 500 (S&P 500) is an unmanaged group of securities considered to be representative of the stock market in general. The Dow Jones Industrial Average is a price weighted average of 30 significant stocks traded on the New York Stock Exchange and the NASDAQ. The Nasdaq Composite is an index of the common stocks and similar securities listed on the NASDAQ stock market and is considered a broad indicator of the performance of stocks of technology companies and growth companies. It is not possible to invest directly in an index.

The fact is we've been in a Bull Market most of the last 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ years.

As I've written many times, these indexes are 100% stocks, but almost everyone has cash, bonds or bond funds, and possibly alternative investments. So, your personal holdings will likely not reflect the same amount of gains.

However, these equity returns are not guaranteed and almost certainly will not continue indefinitely. There will be a market correction. I just don't know when.

So, it has been, is, and will continue to be critically important:

- 1. To have ample cash available for unexpected needs or opportunities. (A good rule of thumb is to have cash equal to 6-12 months of after tax living expenses).
- 2. To evaluate your Risk Tolerance for risk and determine if your investment assets are properly allocated.

If you have any concerns and/or want to review your current status, please let me know. I'll be happy to help you understand and evaluate.

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New and Updated Buyout Agreement

As you may know, I long ago established a Buyout Agreement for my practice in the event I die. The agreement is with Eric G. Meyers, President of Gem Financial Services, Inc. and a founding partner in the law firm of Meyers, Hurvitz and Abrahams.

There are two principal purposes for the agreement.

First, it ensures that at my death, my practice will be taken over by a trusted and highly professional colleague, Eric Meyers, with whom I've interacted for over 25 years. He is one of the very most competent people I know in the financial services industry, and I trust him. My primary goal was to be sure that all of my clients have counsel and assistance that can be relied upon if something happens to me.

Second, it allows me to protect my own family as to the value of my practice if I die.

This agreement is being updated and a current version should be in place within the next two weeks. If I should die unexpectedly, I encourage you to work with Eric. I know he will serve you well.

Finally, note that this agreement <u>only applies in the event of my death</u>. I continue to have absolutely no interest in or plans to retire. Quite the contrary, I continue to build my practice.

Conclusion

There is still time to discuss income tax planning, family gifts, charitable gifts as well as your estate planning. We continue to be eager to help whenever we can.

All the best throughout the holiday season, and please don't forget to make an appointment with me a high priority.

Best regards,

Robert E. Tucker, CLU

Chartered Financial Consultant

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