IMPORTANT POINTS TO CONSIDER IN PLANNING YOUR ESTATE

- 1. Will: Have you made a will and been diligent in updating it to keep it consistent with current objectives and family changes?
- 2. **Power of Attorney:** Has sound management of assets been arranged if you are no longer able to perform this function?
- 3. Health Care Proxy: In the event of terminal illness, has health care been considered? Have you created a living will or healthcare proxy?
- 4. **Property Distribution and Trusts:** How will the distribution of property under the current estate plan affect your family? Will assets passing to beneficiaries be prudently managed?
- 5. Life Insurance: Has life insurance been purchased to meet your estate planning objectives? Have the benefits of irrevocable trusts been considered?
- 6. Charitable Givings: Does this current plan take advantage of charitable giving to support those causes most meaningful to you?
- 7. Business Interests: If you own a business, is the current plan designed to carry out your wishes regarding the succession or transfer of the business?
- 8. **Preserving Wealth:** Do you anticipate having a large enough estate to be subject to estate tax? If so, how does the current plan provide funding for this tax liability?

