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IRA Distribution Rules

Description:

According to a recent report by the Treasury, the IRS is to address growing noncompliance involving IRA excess contributions and violations of the required minimum distribution rules.

The potential liability for taxpayers who violate the retirement account rules is significant. Clients and their heirs who are unaware of the rules and improperly handle IRA accounts can trigger IRS examinations and may incur significant tax and IRS penalties.

In this book you will learn about IRA distribution rules and recent developments, as well as:

- 50% IRS penalty issues
- 10% early distribution penalty issues
- An important IRA distribution tax trap
- Roth IRA issues
- Common errors in retirement distribution planning
- How the spousal IRA rules work
- Statute of limitation issues involving IRA penalties
- Excess contribution issues
- Improper rollover issues
- Circular 230 issues
- IRS examinations
- And much more

This book includes a series of sample letters covering various client IRA scenarios that you can use in your practice right away, including letters for:

- A traditional IRA, where the owner is survived by multiple nonspouse beneficiaries.
- A Roth IRA, where the owner is survived by multiple nonspouse beneficiaries.
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