Pre-Flight Review Checklist

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Advisor Lead-In: "In preparing for our meeting, I wanted to highlight potential risks in this area, since not addressing them could carry unintended costs for you and your family."

Category	Key Risks to Review
IRAs / Qualified Plans	SECURE Act 2.0 impact on heirs' taxes Potential generational tax loss Repositioning balances to reduce drag
457 Plans	 For nonprofit executives (hospitals, credit unions, colleges, universities) Vesting and taxation triggers Early exit impact Excise tax exposure
Annuities	 Taxation vs other investments Riders & death benefit structures Liquidity and tax burdens for heirs
Concentrated Positions	 Risks of concentrated assets Tax cost of liquidation Diversification strategies
Trusts	 Grantor vs non-grantor tax treatment Step-up in basis risks Trust income taxation and efficiency
Business Ownership / Succession	Buy-sell agreements and funding Succession & liquidity planning Key person protection
Life Insurance	 Performance vs projections Ownership/beneficiary alignment Lapse or overfunding risks

Use this checklist before client meetings to ensure no risks are overlooked. Just as a pilot relies on a pre-flight review for safety, elite advisors use this process to safeguard family wealth.

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