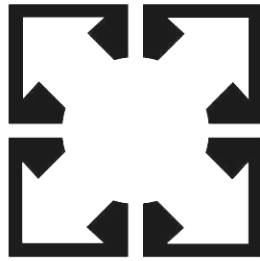


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### President's Message: Steve Taddie

As we begin yet another season at the Central Arizona Estate Planning Council (CAEPc), it is important to remember that the organization exists to be an informational and professional resource for its members and the community. To that end, we have revamped the CAEPc website, and would encourage members and guests alike to browse the new site for informational content about estate planning, view the Council's leadership, and the searchable Member directory, consisting of some of the finest professionals in the Phoenix area. If there are things that can be improved, please let me, or any of my fellow board members, know.

For members, and those considering membership, the Monday evening meetings continue the CAEPc's proud tradition of presenting quality national speakers providing excellent content. Please review the "Event Calendar" to get a flavor of this year's agenda, and set your calendar for the year. If you would like to get involved with the CAEPc as a new member, or get more deeply involved as a current member, visit the Committees section of the website to identify the appropriate Committee Chairs to speak with. It is certainly the strength of the membership that creates and maintains the strength of the organization.

Stephen J. Taddie, President

### Emerging Planners' Group

The Emerging Professionals' Group (EPG) of CAEPc enters its fourth year and welcomes three new planning committee members - Kiernan Curley, Sarah Giles, and Justin Cairns. They join original planning committee members Remy Carpenter, Darren Case, Lindsey Jackson, Sue Kuraja, Phil Siebel, Michael Siggins, and Kyle Decker, in what is expected to be another successful season. As in years past, the EPG focuses on social and scholastic events for individuals new to the estate planning, accounting, and financial planning fields to familiarize them with the professional and personal opportunities CAEPc has to offer.

Over 150 emerging profession-

als subscribe to receiving updates for EPG events, which have included happy hour at Del Frisco's and Pasta Brioni, educational events at Arizona Community Foundation, and a spring training baseball game. We have five events planned for the coming season, with our first event to be held in late September/early October.

We look forward to seeing everyone at the EPG events again this year! If you or someone you know is interested in being added to the EPG e-mail list, please visit [www.caepc.org](http://www.caepc.org) and click on Subscribe Me Email List. Remy Carpenter  
EPG Committee Chair

*Forward this e-newsletter  
to a professional who  
should consider Joining!*

### 2014/15 CAEPc Sponsorships

We are looking forward to October when we kick off this season's CAEPc program year! We have another great year planned and invite you to consider sponsorship opportunities for your organization. We bring top national talent to our well managed and consistently attended educational programs monthly from October through May. Your targeted exposure to our serious estate planning professionals, combined with the credibility that comes from aligning with this organization, provides exceptional visibility to this professional audience.

### ACT NOW

The [sponsor commitment form](#) is your key to sponsorship. The completed two page form should be returned by fax (480-922-5283) or e-mail: [info@caepc.org](mailto:info@caepc.org). Your completed and returned commitment form will be date/time stamped. All sponsorships are available on a first response basis.

*Thank you* for your consideration of support for our Council. We know you will want to be a part of this season!

Stephen E. Koons, CPA, ABV, CFF, ASA  
2014/2015 CAEPc Sponsorship  
Chair

## Around the Corner: Upcoming Events!

**Annual Member  
Roster Deadline:  
September 19, 2014**

Be sure your membership Renewal or new member application is processed by September 19th to ensure your information is included in the printed roster. The printed roster is made available to all CAEPC members throughout the year, at the monthly educational meetings.

**Save The Date  
Season Kick Off Meeting  
October 6, 2014  
5:00pm - 7:30pm**

### "What's Next? The Uncertain Future of Estate Planning"

Speaker: William Schmidt: First Western Trust Bank

With the passage of the American Taxpayer Relief Act of 2012, less than 1% of clients will have taxable estates. Many estate plans drafted when the estate tax exemption was much lower may no longer need their complex estate plans. How are estate planners advising these clients? How are clients being notified of the need for change? What are the economic consequences to estate planners of the changes in the public perception of the continued need for sophisticated estate planning services?

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## Accredited Estate Planner® Designation:

Professional estate planners can now achieve an accreditation that acknowledges their experience and specialization in estate planning. The Accredited Estate Planner® designation is available to Attorneys, Chartered Life Underwriters, Certified Public Accountants, Certified Trust and Financial Advisors, Chartered Financial Consultants, and Certified Financial Planners®.

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- Tap into the resources of the NAEPC and special members only benefits.
- Expand your networking opportunities with other estate planning professionals from across the country by attending our annual national conference and earn all of your estate planning hours required to keep the AEP® designation active and in good standing.

[Accredited Estate Planner® \(AEP®\)](#) is available to individuals in the professional disciplines represented by NAEPC. This designation is for individuals who have met the requisite requirements, including estate planning experience and recommendations by colleagues, and may require completion of certain graduate estate planning courses. All individuals obtaining the AEP® designation must demonstrate a continued commitment to the team approach to estate planning and adhere to a strict code of ethics.

[Estate Planning Law Specialist \(EPLS\)](#) is also available to attorneys practicing in the estate planning arena.

Please click this link to learn more..... <http://www.naepc.org/designations/estate-planners>

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**51st Annual NAEPC Conference –  
Please plan to join us on  
November 5th – 7th, 2014  
in San Antonio**

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### Leimberg

Leimberg is a valuable and wonderful resource for keeping up to date on recent changes related to estate planning. This service is provided to our members at no additional cost. Visit [Leimberg.com](http://Leimberg.com) to view the value of this great resource to members.

We provide Estate Planning, Employee Benefits and Retirement Planning, Business Entities, Asset Protection Planning, Financial Planning and Charitable Planning Newsletters.

## Estate Planning Technical Updates and Articles:

Melinda Nelson, CPA—Henry & Horne, LLP

### “The New Estate Planning Dilemma—Using Portability or A Credit Shelter Trust”

The estate planning landscape radically changed when the Tax Relief Act of 2010 drastically raised the exclusion amount to \$5,000,000 and authorized estates of decedents dying after 2010 to elect to transfer any unused exclusion to the surviving spouse.

In the past, with lower estate exclusion amounts, a common estate plan had the decedent’s assets going to a credit shelter or bypass trust, thereby maximizing the use of the decedent’s estate exclusion.

In 2014, with portability, higher income tax rates and the Net Investment Income Tax (NIIT), there are additional reasons to leave assets to the surviving spouse and elect portability instead of doing traditional planning using a credit shelter trust.

In doing estate planning, each person’s situation is unique and many important considerations are not related to taxes. Using the chart below is one way to discuss these two options with our clients.

[Read more.....](#)

Source: Leimberg

### “Bruce Steiner & Revenue Procedure 2014-18: Extension of Time for Some Estates to Elect Portability”

#### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

[Revenue Procedure 2014-18](#) extended the time until December 31, 2014, for estates of decedents dying in 2011, 2012 and 2013 to elect portability if they were not required to file a Federal estate tax return.

#### FACTS:

The Tax Relief, Unemployment Insurance Reauthorization, and Job Creation Act of 2010 (“TRUIRCA”) introduced the concept of portability, effective for decedents dying after 2010.

Under portability, if the deceased spouse’s executors so elect, the deceased spouse’s unused exclusion amount (the “DSUE amount”) becomes available to be applied to subsequent transfers by the surviving spouse, either during lifetime or at death.

Portability was scheduled to expire at the end of 2010. However, the American Taxpayer Relief Act of 2012 (“ATRA”) made portability permanent.

A portability election must be made on a timely filed estate tax return.

In *Windsor v. United States*, the Supreme Court held that Section 3 of the Defense of Marriage Act, which defined marriage as between persons of different sexes, was unconstitutional.

Prior to the Supreme Court decision in *Windsor*, the Internal Revenue Service did not treat a same sex surviving spouse as a spouse for estate tax purposes.

After the Supreme Court decision in *Windsor*, the Service issued Revenue Ruling 2013-17, which treats a same sex spouse as a spouse for tax purposes if the marriage was valid in the state where the parties were married.

Revenue Ruling 2013-17 is prospective as of September 16, 2013. However, taxpayers may amend their returns for open years based on the ruling if they wish to do so.

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#### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

In a recently issued [Reference Guide](#) for FBAR reporting, the IRS includes an example imposing FBAR filing liability on power of attorney holders if they are granted signatory authority over foreign accounts of their principal. This can have substantial ramifications and liability exposure for agents under durable powers of attorney.

#### FACTS:

U.S. persons with an interest in a non-U.S. account must annually file a FinCEN Form 114, Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts (FBAR) if the aggregate maximum values of the foreign financial accounts exceed \$10,000 at any time during the calendar year. FinCEN Form 114 superseded Treasury Form TD F 90-22.1 and must be filed electronically through the BSA E-Filing System. Having ‘signature authority’ over a foreign account is enough of an interest in the account to be required to report it on an FBAR. Penalties for nonfiling can be quite substantial, including 50% of the value of the account for willful violations (repeated for each year of violation). Criminal penalties can also apply.

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The Central Arizona Estate Planning Council was established in the 1960s as a professional organization for diverse practitioners involved in the estate planning process. With emphasis on the estate planning team, our focus is to gain a broader perspective of pertinent issues and ideas, in order to construct and protect our clients' financial estates and to achieve a smooth transition of wealth from one generation to another.

Estate planning is one of today's fastest-evolving professional disciplines, as ever-changing tax laws and volatile market values have created opportunities for practitioners and clients alike.

The Council regularly presents top national speakers at power-packed dinner meetings offering both continuing education and networking opportunities. Council members further benefit from an afternoon seminar with a national strategist, an ice cream social, a spouses' night and a golf outing - - all designed to promote professionalism and reciprocal associations among the Council professionals.

## 2014/2015 CAEPC Committees

**Membership:** Bill Purdue

**AEP:** Harry Calivas

**Sponsorship:** Stephen Koons

**Newsletter:** Harry Calivas

**Emerging Planners' Group:**  
Remy Carpenter

**Nominating:** Emily Burns

**Holiday Event:** Remy Carpenter and the  
EPG Group

**Meeting Ambassadors:** Kyle Decker

**Golf Event:** Nick Kolesar

**Interested in getting involved?**

Email [info@caepc.org](mailto:info@caepc.org) with your interest and a member of the board and/ or committee will contact you.

## Committee News, Reports and Call for Volunteers

The **nominating committee** consists of three or four members, including at least one non-board member, non-officer member of the Council. We are seeking that member. Please contact [Emily@egburnspc.com](mailto:Emily@egburnspc.com), or any board member to express interest.

The nominating committee encourages and accepts applications for **Board membership**. Per the By-laws, an applicant for the Board of Directors must have been a member of the Council for at least the prior two years. [Read more.....](#)

The **Accredited Estate Planner (AEP) Designation Council Nominated Program Committee** is looking for four volunteer so support the evaluation process for nominating AEP candidates to the National Estate Planning Committee (NAEPC). Each year NAEPC allows one AEP candidate nomination per each of the four disciplines from each Council throughout the Country. For this reason we are requesting a volunteer from each of the following discipline: Accountant, Attorney, Financial or Insurance Professional and Trust Officer. Each volunteer should have 15 years of experience or hold the AEP designation. committee. As a result, procedures and processes will be finalized by the new committee members. [Read more.....](#)

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