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Client Review Meetings: The Foundation for your Carriage Trade Experience

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Form a great team with your clients

- Meeting functional needs,
- Forming a trusting relationship,
- Communicating effectively,
- Providing the right environment and
- Showing you care



Coach K, Duke Basketball
Coach Mike Krzyzewski

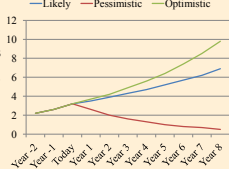
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Financial planning inputs

- Earnings rate
- Inflation rate
- Time until goal starts
- Time goal concludes
- Cost of goal
- Savings contributed today and in the future



Year	Likely	Pessimistic	Optimistic
Year -2	2	2	2
Year -1	2.5	2.5	2.5
Year 1	3	2	3
Year 2	3.5	1.5	4
Year 3	4	1	5
Year 4	4.5	0.5	6
Year 5	5	0.2	7
Year 6	5.5	0.1	8
Year 7	6	0	9
Year 8	6.5	0	10

"It is far better to foresee even without certainty than not to foresee at all."
Henri Poincare quotes (French Mathematician, Physicist and Philosopher of science, 1854-1912)

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Financial planning inputs

- Economic assumptions
- Legal environment
- Tax environment
- Product improvements



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Monitor and update your financial plan

- Certainty of uncertainty (Doug Lennick)
- Each year you have one year less of uncertainty



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Standardize your agenda

- Your great client meeting is now standard agenda

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- You plan for each client meeting; write it down

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- You plan for each client meeting; write it down
- Consistent client experience eliminates uncertainties

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Creating a rotation of agenda items

- Cover six areas each meeting
- Cover the six areas over time

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Agendas for Rotation

- Transition to retirement
- Investment review
- Tax planning
- Risk management
- Estate plan review
- Update financial plan
- Planning for annual bonus
- Business succession

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Adapt agenda for timely news

- Things change—
 - Fiscal Cliff/Debt Ceiling/Cutting Spending
 - Tax planning in uncertainty
 - Low interest rates
 - Healthcare changes
 - Dishonest advisors
 - Financial Regulation

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Adapt agenda to reflect life events

- Things change—
 - singles get married, 
 - married have children, 
 - children need college, 
 - clients start a business
 - clients lose a job,
 - grandparents need help,
 - clients retire
- What changes should your clients expect for each life event?

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Summary

- Helping clients reach their goals is your strength.
- Consistent client reviews will deliver a consistent client experience.
- By structuring your client experience,
 - you will better meet the goals of your clients and
 - your clients will be more aware of your efforts.

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