

Making Sense of Structured Settlement Annuities

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Questions?

Is a Structured Settlement Annuity a good fit?

Is the Structured Settlement Annuity being proposed in lieu of a trust or as a way to fund a trust?

Is other money going into the SNT?

Structured Settlement Annuity Basics

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Special type of annuity

Purchased by defendant

Pays plaintiff future periodic payments

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Options in payout:

- Lifetime
- Period Certain
- Period Certain Plus Life

Lifetime - Income for life of beneficiary

Period Certain – If life cut short, family may benefit from continued payments

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Payments tax-free under IRC §104(a)(2)

Certain creditor/judgment protections

- Not as big a concern if going into SNT anyway

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