

CASE STUDY: NONPROFIT SPLIT DOLLAR

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Split-dollar life insurance arrangements offer non-profit organizations a sophisticated tool to manage the 21% excise tax burden on executive compensation exceeding \$1 million annually, while also providing substantial death benefits to key employees and their families.

WHO BENEFITS MOST FROM SPLIT **DOLLAR ARRANGEMENTS**

Hospital System Executives University Athletics

- CEOs, CMOs, department heads
- Compensation typically \$1M-\$5M+
- Heavy excise tax burden
- Long tenure expectations
- **Credit Union Leadership**
 - CEOs and senior executives
 - Large credit unions (\$1B+ assets)
 - Member-focused organizations
 - Conservative investment approach

- Head Coaches (football & basketball)
- Athletic Directors
- Compensation often \$2M-\$10M+
- High visibility positions

Academic Leadership

- University presidents/chancellors
- Medical school deans
- Research institute directors
- Endowment managers

KEY TRANSACTION BENEFITS

- Eliminates 21% excise tax on compensation over \$1M for covered employees
- Creates substantial income tax-free death benefits (often \$10M+)
- Maintains employees' current after-tax income levels
- Particularly valuable for university coaches, hospital executives, and credit union leadership
- Annual tax savings can reach millions of dollars for large organizations
- Provides a competitive advantage in executive recruitment and retention
- Structured as a loan eliminates immediate taxable income to the employee
- Death benefits pass to beneficiaries completely income tax-free



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