Advanced Planning Group

The Advanced Planning Group consists of a team of over 30 professionals with more than 300 years' combined experience in law, taxation, business, insurance, finance, and philanthropy, with advanced degrees and designations including Chartered Life Underwriter[®], Certified Financial Planner[®], Chartered Financial Consultant[®], AEP[®], Juris Doctor, and Certified Public Accountant.

Through your New York Life agent, you have the ability to consult with a nationally-recognized group of knowledgeable professionals, specially trained to listen to your goals and objectives, evaluate your current planning strategies, and offer thoughtful, researched suggestions and solutions to help you optimize your financial goals.

No matter where you are, your New York Life agent can bring you and your advisors together with our consultants by phone, face-to-face, or in a virtual environment.



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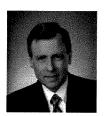


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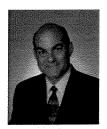
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