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*To shorten winter, borrow some money
due in spring.*
~W.J. Vogel, author

Although the Pension Protection Act (PPA) became law in 2006, there is still confusion over whether the non-spouse direct rollover provision is mandatory or optional for company plans. Right now it appears that the provision has once again reverted to being optional until we receive official guidance otherwise.

Our feature article this month, *"Update on Non-Spouse Direct Rollovers Under PPA 2006,"* takes you through the latest news on this provision and includes a chronological timeline of the many stages this has gone through.

'Twas the night before Christmas...well, not exactly. It was actually on December 21, 2007 that IRS released Revenue Ruling 2008-5 which stated that the wash sale rules apply to IRAs. This issue was left undecided for decades so it was surprising to see it spring up now. For details see our article *"Caution: IRS Rules that Wash Sale Rules Apply to IRAs"*.

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Beginning in 2008, company plan funds can be converted to Roth IRAs without having to first roll the funds to a traditional IRA. This is another provision from the Pension Protection Act, but like so many other tax provisions, there are some limitations based on what company plans will allow. We cover what you need to know about this inside in our story *"2008 Brings in New Roth Conversion Opportunities."*

This month's Guest IRA Expert is Lester Detterbeck, CPA/PFS, MBA, CFP®, CFA of DWM Financial Group, Inc., Palatine, Illinois and Charleston, South Carolina. Lester's article, *"Don't Let Roth IRA Planning Wait Until 2010,"* shows you how you can help your clients start planning now to maximize the benefits of building tax free retirement accounts through Roth IRAs and Roth 401(k)s. Even though everyone will be able to convert traditional IRAs to Roth IRAs in 2010, Lester's article will help you begin the planning process now, so that your clients are in a better position in 2010 when the Roth conversion floodgates open.

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