















# AMERICA'S IRA EXPERTS

**Ed Slott, CPA**, is a nationally recognized IRA distribution expert, professional speaker, television personality, and best-selling author. He is known for his unparalleled ability to turn advanced tax strategies into understandable, actionable and entertaining advice. He has been named “The Best Source for IRA Advice” by *The Wall Street Journal*, and *USA Today* wrote, “It would be tough to find anyone who knows more about IRAs than CPA Slott.”

As president and founder of Ed Slott and Company, LLC, the nation's leading source of accurate, timely IRA expertise and analysis to financial advisors, institutions, consumers and media, he provides:

1. Advanced training to financial professionals to become knowledgeable recognized leaders in the retirement marketplace; *and*
2. Answers to retirement savers' most important questions, continually providing practical, easy-to-understand information on IRA, retirement, tax and financial planning topics.

Mr. Slott is a Professor of Practice at The American College of Financial Services and regularly presents keynote presentations on IRA and estate planning strategies at both consumer events and conferences for financial advisors, insurance professionals, CPAs and attorneys, including virtual events drawing thousands of attendees nationwide. Among the most popular of his resources are his advanced training programs for financial professionals. He is the creator of Ed Slott's Elite IRA Advisor Group<sup>SM</sup>, an organization of more than 500 of the nation's top financial professionals who attend his ongoing continuing-education programs to maintain a mastery of advanced retirement account and tax planning laws. Additionally, [Ed Slott and Company's 2-Day IRA Workshop](#), [Instant IRA Success](#) program is a live seminar covering up-to-the-minute information with immediately actionable intel, and [IRA Success](#) is an on-demand, CE-eligible, 12-course program powered by The American College of Financial Services.

Mr. Slott is an accomplished author of many financial books, with his latest, *The Retirement Savings Time Bomb Ticks Louder: How to Avoid Unnecessary Tax Landmines, Defuse the Latest Threats to Your Retirement Savings & Ignite Your Financial Freedom* (Penguin Random House, 2024) released in 2024. He also authors, [Ed Slott's IRA Advisor](#), a monthly newsletter for financial professionals to stay educated on “all things IRA.” His popular website, [irahelp.com](#), is a resource for financial professionals and consumers, where *The Slott Report* blog is followed by tens of thousands of readers. And in 2022, he launched a podcast, [The Great Retirement Debate](#), in collaboration with Jeffrey Levine, CPA/PFS, CFP®, providing lively commentary on opposing sides of retirement planning strategies.

As the go-to resource for media on timely insight on breaking news as it relates to retirement and tax planning laws and strategies, Mr. Slott is often quoted in *The New York Times*, *The Wall Street Journal*, *Forbes*, *USA Today*, *Kiplinger*, *Investor's Business Daily* and numerous additional national magazines and financial publications. He is also a contributing columnist and media resource to *Financial Advisor* and *InvestmentNews* magazines. He has appeared on many national television and radio programs, including *NBC*, *ABC*, *CBS*, *CNBC*, *CNN*, *FOX*, *Fox Business*, *NPR*, *Bloomberg* and *Morningstar*. He is one of the top pledge drivers of all time with his educational specials, including his most recent, *Ed Slott's Retirement Freedom!* (2022).

Mr. Slott has been recognized for his significant contributions to the financial industry as an *InvestmentNews* Innovator, Sidney Kess Award Winner for excellence in continuing education by the AICPA®, *ThinkAdvisor* Luminary Award winner, and recipient of the prestigious “Excellence in Estate Planning” and “Outstanding Service” awards presented by The Foundation for Accounting Education. He is a former board member of The Estate Planning Council of New York City and is Accredited Estate Planner (AEP) distinguished. He is also a past Chairman of the New York State Society of CPAs Estate Planning Committee and editor of the IRA planning section of the *CPA Journal*.

Ultimately, through all of these efforts combined, Mr. Slott has taught millions of Americans (and their financial professionals) how to get the most out of their retirement savings.



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## ANDY IVES, CFP®, AIF® IRA Analyst

Andy Ives, CFP®, AIF®, brings 25 years of diverse experience in the financial services industry, ranging from managing client relationships to delivering expert-level IRA guidance. His depth of knowledge and engaging presentation style make him a highly sought-after speaker, particularly on the intricacies of IRA distribution planning. Andy is a core part of [Ed Slott's Elite IRA Advisor Group<sup>SM</sup>](#) presentations both on stage and behind the scenes, where he provides in-depth education on advanced IRA strategies. He also regularly presents at [Ed Slott's 2-Day IRA Workshop, Instant IRA Success](#) and contributes to [Ed Slott and Company's IRA Success](#), powered by The American College of Financial Services.



Andy's expertise has been widely recognized in the media, with frequent quotes in *The Wall Street Journal* and *USA Today*, as well as contributed articles for *TheStreet.com*. His consulting work with members of the Elite IRA Advisor Group allows him to stay attuned to the most pressing IRA concerns across the country, giving him unique insights into the pulse of the industry.

In addition to his speaking engagements, Andy is a featured expert on [The American College's Knowledge Hub+](#) platform, where he offers practical guidance to financial professionals. Throughout his career, Andy has partnered closely with advisors, business owners, and plan sponsors, bringing a well-rounded perspective to retirement and financial planning.

Andy earned the CERTIFIED FINANCIAL PLANNER™ designation in 2008 and the Accredited Investment Fiduciary® (AIF®) designation in 2014. He has served as both a Board Member and past President of the North Florida Chapter of the Society of Financial Service Professionals.

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## IAN BERGER, JD IRA Analyst

Ian Berger, JD, is an integral part of the team of America's IRA Experts, with over 30 years of experience advising on a wide array of ERISA and tax issues related to retirement plans. He is frequently quoted in *The Wall Street Journal* and *USA Today* and contributes articles to *TheStreet.com*. Ian is a knowledgeable technical resource and educator for [Ed Slott's Elite IRA Advisor Group<sup>SM</sup>](#), a prestigious study group of top financial professionals, and regularly presents at [Ed Slott's 2-Day IRA Workshop, Instant IRA Success](#) and [Ed Slott and Company's IRA Success](#), powered by The American College of Financial Services. He also serves as a featured Expert on The [American College's Knowledge Hub+ platform](#).



During both virtual and in-person training sessions, Ian is known for his ability to provide precise, actionable guidance on complex IRA questions. Attendees are consistently impressed by the dual delivery method, where one Expert presents while Ian and team field a high volume of technical questions, showcasing their in-depth knowledge and mastery of the subject matter.

In his earlier career, Ian served as General Counsel to the City of Baltimore Retirement Systems, managing all legal matters for the City's Employees' Retirement System and Deferred Compensation Plan. He has also practiced law with Gordon Feinblatt and worked as a consulting attorney with Mercer Consulting.

Ian earned his B.A. from the University of Pennsylvania and his law degree from the New York University School of Law. He is a member of the Maryland Bar Association.

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## WHAT THE MEDIA IS SAYING:

**"Ed Slott is my go-to resource on the nuances of tax and retirement planning. His no-nonsense style makes the dizzying changes in the rules and laws surrounding these often-confusing topics understandable and more importantly, actionable."**

— Jill Schlesinger, CFP®, CBS News Business Analyst

**"Ed Slott has a knack for providing tax- and retirement-planning guidance that's easy to understand, up-to-the-minute current, and--dare I say it? Fun."**

— Christine Benz, Director of Personal Finance, Morningstar, Inc.

**"Ed Slott is among the most trusted and knowledgeable retirement experts in the United States. The world is filled with those who proclaim to be retirement experts, but Ed Slott is truly that—an expert who deserves your time and attention."**— Robert Powell, editor of Retirement Daily and *TheStreet, USA Today* columnist, editor of *Retirement Management Journal* and host of *Exceptional Advisor* podcast

**"Ed Slott is my go-to person for smart tax-saving advice on retirement plans."**

— Jane Bryant Quinn, Author of *How to Make Your Money Last: The Indispensable Retirement Guide*.

**"Ed Slott is the go-to expert on IRAs in an era when legislative and regulatory changes are popping up as fast and furious as a whack-a-mole game. Arm yourself with the latest insights on how to protect future retirement savings by making tax-savvy moves today."**

— Mary Beth Franklin, CFP®, Contributing Editor, *InvestmentNews*

**"Ed Slott is truly Mr. IRA."**

— Lynn O'Shaughnessy, author of *The Retirement Bible*

**"Unless you consider cat food a viable dinner option, it's wise to take action now to bulletproof your retirement assets. Sooner or later, we pay taxes. But why allow your retirement savings to become a windfall for Uncle Sam when the money should go to you and your heirs?"**

— USA Today

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## WHAT ATTENDEES ARE SAYING:

***“As anticipated Ed and his crew delivered the most complete treatment of the top issues practitioners are seeing in this area. The bifurcation of Ed speaking and his crew responding to participants' questions provides a model for efficient knowledge-sharing, which one could hope would be replicated in other arenas. Bravo!!!”***

— Moshe Stepansky

***“The four seasoned presenters keep it engaging, breaking down the technical details, highlighting pitfalls, and bringing it to life with real examples and IRS rulings. They also offer great ideas on how to apply the information to help clients, drawing from their extensive experience.”***

— Dixie Roberts

***“Drop what you are doing when Ed Slott conducts a seminar. Very thorough, great presentation skills and informative...you will take home ‘nuggets’ every single time that you will implement in your practice and be a hero.”***—Barry Dreayer

***“As a financial professional I rely on Ed's timely & thorough updates to bring the most value to my clients. He is hands down the best presenter on IRAs, Roths, and retirement planning tips. His blog, newsletter, and webinars are invaluable, and his delivery is always lively & engaging! Thank you, Ed! Keep rocking!!!”***—Angela Ruff

***“Great webinar! The information provided could save my clients many thousands of dollars in tax!”***

—Dean Duncan

***“UNBELIEVABLE! All that expertise in one person?! WOW! I learned so much!”***—Sheila Baugh

***“Holy moly what a refreshing and amazingly educational experience! Thank you for being such an incredible ambassador for our work. I just wanted to express deep and wide appreciation for the amazing caliber of your presentation. As a former professor, I simply LOVED the charm and humor with which you delivered such critical information. It was the trifecta of pedagogical perfection: you made us grin, you kept us engaged, and we learned game changing information.”***

— Mari Kim, Corporate and Foundations Relations Officer, Northwest Harvest

***“Ed Slott packs so much information into his IRA webinar and considering recent legislation this was a very timely topic. Great insights explained extremely well.”***— Anne Muldoon

***“Incredible! I consider myself an IRA Expert, but I always hope to find something beneficial in IRA webinars. Ed blew it out of the water—I left the webinar with lots of tips and some clarification I didn't know I needed. Fantastic job!!!”***— Teresa Roman

***“So much fast-paced, yet in-depth information that I never want to miss a minute of the presentations! The energy was outstanding, and the program was every bit as well done [virtually] as in-person programs have been.”***— Linda Gardner

***“Truly outstanding presentation packed with useful information, which was informatively, thoughtfully, and enjoyably delivered. Ed Slott again lives up to his remarkable reputation.”***— Shunterica Woods

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***“Ed is a powerhouse presenter and a complete educator; I was on the edge of my seat for the entire hour! He delivered answers to all my burning questions and proactively answered my follow-up questions... ED, Exceptional-Dedicated!”*** — Marian Sterling

***“Succinct and exceptionally instructive.”*** — Daniel Mannion

***“Ed Slott! Yes, THE Ed Slott! It doesn't get any better than this for fast-paced, informative webinars! Too bad instructor ratings only go up to 5. He's a 10!”*** — Arnold Parise

***“Timely, accurate, important information.”*** — Jerry Matecun

***“Where else can we get developments up-to-the-minute?”*** — Mary Aheam

***“There is NO OTHER PLACE you can get this information. No other place!!!”*** — Tom Mosley