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<p><b>House</b></p> <p>Let's analyze this major asset:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Numerical Analysis: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Robert values at \$2,700,000 (Exhibit 24)</li> <li>Christine values at \$2,504,000 (CM_Moyer)</li> <li>Difference: \$196,000 (7.8% higher in Robert's valuation)</li> <li>Both agree on debt of \$344,330</li> <li>Critical difference: Christine claims \$515,413 as separate property contribution</li> </ul> </li> </ol> <p>Net Values:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Robert's position: \$2,700,000 - \$344,330 = \$2,355,670 (all community)</li> <li>Christine's position: (\$2,504,000 - \$344,330) - \$515,413 = \$1,644,257 (community portion)</li> </ul> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Legal Position Analysis: Christine's Position: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Stronger if she can document the \$515,413 came from her parents</li> <li>Separate property tracing will be critical</li> <li>May need gift documentation or clear paper trail</li> <li>Timing of contribution could matter</li> </ul> </li> </ol> <p>Robert's Position:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Higher valuation based on more recent Reed Appraisal (10/07/24)</li> <li>Challenges to separate property claim could include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Commingling arguments</li> <li>Duration of marriage (25 years) may complicate tracing</li> <li>Whether contribution was a gift to both parties</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Negotiation Strategy: Leverage Points: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Consider trading the valuation difference (\$196,000) against the separate property claim (\$515,413): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Could offer to accept lower valuation in exchange for dropping some/all separate property claim</li> <li>Or accept higher valuation but acknowledge separate property</li> </ul> </li> </ol> </li> </ol>	<p><b>House</b></p> <p>🔍 <b>Value Comparison:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Robert's Value:</b> \$2,700,000.</li> <li><b>Christine's Value:</b> \$2,504,000.</li> <li><b>Difference:</b> Robert's valuation is \$196,000 higher than Christine's.</li> </ul> <p>🔍 <b>Liability:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Both sides agree on a liability of \$(344,330).</li> </ul> <p>🔍 <b>Core Positions:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Christine's Position:</b> She claims an additional \$515,413 as her separate property, presumably due to contributions from her parents or other personal funds, which she believes should be returned to her before community division.</li> <li><b>Robert's Position:</b> Considers the entire amount as community property without an extra offset for separate funds to Christine.</li> </ul> <p>🔍 <b>Analysis:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Christine's claim of \$515,413 as separate property suggests she views this as a personal loan or contribution that should be reimbursed. This stance could favor her if accepted, reducing her net share of community property division.</li> <li>Robert's position of full community treatment could favor him by avoiding an offset in Christine's favor.</li> </ul> <p>🔍 <b>Negotiation Strategy:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>If Christine's claim is based on a parental contribution, Robert could argue it was a gift rather than a loan, challenging the basis of her separate property claim.</li> <li>Robert might leverage the higher valuation of \$2,700,000 in negotiations to emphasize that, even without the \$515,413 offset, the community value would be significant.</li> </ul> <p><b>Condo</b></p>

b) Strategic options:

1. Get competing appraisal if disputing value
2. Request full documentation of separate property contribution
3. Consider tax implications of different valuations
4. Evaluate carrying costs/maintenance until sale

Key Questions for Further Analysis:

1. Do you have documentation of the \$515,413 separate property contribution?
2. What is the source/date of Christine's \$2,504,000 valuation?
3. Are there any plans to sell this property?

This is a significant asset where the combined differences (\$196,000 valuation + \$515,413 separate property) total \$711,413 in dispute. Would you like me to expand on any particular aspect of this analysis?

**Condo**

Let's analyze this property:

1. Numerical Analysis:
  - Both parties agree on value: \$570,000
  - Nearly identical debt figures (\$114,320 vs \$114,321, \$1 difference likely typo)
  - Net equity: \$455,679 - \$455,680

Key alignment:

- Valuation agreement is positive
  - Both characterize as community property
  - Main difference is proposed distribution (to wife in Christine's proposal)
2. Legal Position Analysis: Christine's Position:
    - Wants property awarded to her as part of 60/40 split
    - Value agreement strengthens ability to work this into overall division
    - No separate property claims simplifies analysis

Robert's Position:

- Accepts value but likely wants credit in 53/47 split

For the property at 7012 116th Ave NE Unit D:

1. **Value Comparison:**

- Both Robert and Christine agree on the property value at **\$570,000**.

2. **Liability:**

- Both also agree on a mortgage liability of approximately **\$(114,320) to \$(114,321)**.

3. **Core Positions:**

- **Christine's Position:** She prefers that this property is awarded to her ("Community to Wife"), indicating that she seeks full ownership in the distribution.
- **Robert's Position:** The position is marked as "Community," implying that Robert views it as a community asset but may not oppose awarding it to Christine if balanced with other distributions.

4. **Analysis:**

- Since there is agreement on the value and liability, the primary point is Christine's preference to retain full ownership.
- Awarding the property to Christine could simplify negotiations if Robert can negotiate a balancing asset in return.

5. **Negotiation Strategy:**

- Robert could agree to Christine taking this property to streamline the asset division, especially if he can secure a favorable asset or offset in return.
- He might also emphasize the fairness of any compensating adjustments in other areas, such as retirement or cash accounts, to maintain an equitable split.

**For the Cabo Timeshares:**

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No dispute over characterization as community property</li> <li>• Equal right to property or offset</li> </ul> <p>3. Negotiation Strategy: Advantages:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Agreement on value eliminates major potential conflict</li> <li>• Could be good "trading piece" in larger settlement</li> </ul> <p>Options: a) If Christine wants property:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Offer credit to Robert at agreed value</li> <li>• Could offset against other assets he wants</li> <li>• Consider mortgage assumption/refinance costs</li> </ul> <p>b) Consider practical factors:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Who is currently occupying?</li> <li>• Rental income potential</li> <li>• Property management capability</li> <li>• Future appreciation potential</li> <li>• Maintenance/HOA costs</li> </ul> <p>Strategic Considerations:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Property could be good offset against Kirkland Ave separate property claim</li> <li>2. Might be easier to refinance than larger Kirkland property</li> <li>3. More manageable asset for single owner post-divorce</li> <li>4. Could be good housing solution for one party</li> </ol> <p>Questions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Is this property currently rented?</li> <li>2. Who manages it?</li> <li>3. Is Christine planning to occupy or maintain as investment?</li> </ol> <p>This is a substantial asset (\$455,680 net equity) but with much cleaner issues than the Kirkland property. The agreement on value and characterization makes it potentially useful for overall settlement structure. Would you like me to explore any particular aspect further?</p> <p><b>Let's analyze this timeshare situation:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Numerical Analysis: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Robert values at \$0 (Exhibit 24)</li> <li>• Christine values at \$95,000 (\$35,000 + \$60,000 for 2 units)</li> <li>• Christine's document notes they paid:</li> </ul> </li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>Value Comparison:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>Robert's Value:</b> \$0 (no assigned value).</li> <li>○ <b>Christine's Value:</b> \$95,000.</li> <li>○ <b>Difference:</b> Christine values this asset at \$95,000, whereas Robert does not attribute any value to it.</li> </ul> </li> <li>2. <b>Liability:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ No liabilities are listed for this asset by either party.</li> </ul> </li> <li>3. <b>Core Positions:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>Christine's Position:</b> She is interested in retaining this timeshare, as indicated by "Community to Wife."</li> <li>○ <b>Robert's Position:</b> By not assigning any value, Robert may view this as either a negligible or non-community asset.</li> </ul> </li> <li>4. <b>Analysis:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Christine's valuation of \$95,000 could give her leverage in claiming a fair share of assets, though it's unclear why Robert assigns it no value. This discrepancy may need clarification on whether Robert sees it as a depreciated or unusable asset.</li> <li>○ Christine's preference to keep the timeshare might simplify negotiations if Robert doesn't contest her claim.</li> </ul> </li> <li>5. <b>Negotiation Strategy:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Robert could leverage Christine's interest in the timeshare, potentially conceding it to her if he can gain a more favorable allocation elsewhere.</li> <li>○ If Robert seeks to include this asset in the overall valuation for community property, he could question Christine's valuation to clarify its real market worth.</li> </ul> </li> </ol>
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ 2 bedroom: paid \$70K, valued at \$35K</li> <li>○ 3 bedroom: paid \$120K, valued at \$60K</li> <li>○ Total paid: \$190K vs current value \$95K</li> <li>• Significant 50% depreciation from purchase price</li> </ul> <p>2. Legal Position Analysis: Robert's Position:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• \$0 valuation suggests view that timeshares have no resale value</li> <li>• Common position as timeshares often have minimal market value</li> <li>• Might argue maintenance fees create negative value</li> </ul> <p>Christine's Position:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Values at \$95K total</li> <li>• Acknowledges significant loss from purchase price (\$190K)</li> <li>• Wants both units awarded to her</li> <li>• More optimistic but still realistic valuation (50% of purchase)</li> </ul> <p>3. Negotiation Strategy: Advantages to Christine taking timeshares:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Removes ongoing shared ownership complications</li> <li>• Eliminates future disputes over usage/fees</li> <li>• Clear division of responsibility</li> </ul> <p>Key Considerations: a) Annual Costs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What are maintenance fees?</li> <li>• Are there property taxes?</li> <li>• Any special assessments?</li> </ul> <p>b) Strategic Options:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Use valuation difference as negotiating point: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Could split difference (\$47.5K value)</li> <li>○ Or credit Robert with lower value if Christine takes</li> </ul> </li> <li>2. Consider maintenance fee obligations in overall settlement</li> <li>3. Factor in transfer/assumption fees</li> </ol> <p>Red Flags:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Timeshares often have: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ High maintenance fees</li> <li>○ Difficult resale market</li> </ul> </li> </ol>	<p><b>For the Microsoft 401(k) - Robert:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>Value Comparison:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Both Robert and Christine agree on the value of <b>\$1,824,071</b> for this retirement account.</li> </ul> </li> <li>2. <b>Liability:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ There are no liabilities associated with this account for either party.</li> </ul> </li> <li>3. <b>Core Positions:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>Christine's Position:</b> She agrees that this asset should go to Robert, as indicated by "Comm to RM."</li> <li>○ <b>Robert's Position:</b> Robert is also in favor of retaining this account.</li> </ul> </li> <li>4. <b>Analysis:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Since both parties agree on the valuation and distribution of this asset to Robert, there is no conflict here. This mutual agreement simplifies the asset division process for this item.</li> </ul> </li> <li>5. <b>Negotiation Strategy:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ No further negotiation is needed for this asset, as both parties are aligned. Robert could use this as a basis for a fair exchange, emphasizing other assets where Christine's preferences are prioritized.</li> </ul> </li> </ol> <p><b>For the Microsoft DCP - Robert:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>Value Comparison:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Both Robert and Christine agree on the value of <b>\$32,889</b> for this deferred compensation plan.</li> </ul> </li> <li>2. <b>Liability:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ There are no liabilities associated with this asset for either party.</li> </ul> </li> <li>3. <b>Core Positions:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>Christine's Position:</b> She agrees that this asset should be</li> </ul> </li> </ol>
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Transfer complications</li> <li>○ Ongoing obligations</li> </ul> <p>Questions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. What are the annual maintenance fees?</li> <li>2. Are there any transfer restrictions?</li> <li>3. Is there actual rental income potential?</li> <li>4. Are both units at same resort/same program?</li> </ol> <p>Strategy Recommendation:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. If Christine wants them: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Consider crediting Robert at lower value</li> <li>○ Factor future maintenance obligations into overall division</li> <li>○ Include clear transfer timeline and responsibility for fees</li> </ul> </li> <li>2. If dispute over value: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Get market analysis from timeshare resale specialist</li> <li>○ Consider actual rental income history</li> <li>○ Factor in transfer costs</li> </ul> </li> </ol> <p>Let's analyze this substantial retirement account:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Numerical Analysis: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Both parties agree on value: \$1,824,071</li> <li>• Both agree on characterization as community property</li> <li>• Both agree on award to Robert</li> <li>• Valuation date matches: 9/30/24</li> <li>• Zero debt/liens</li> <li>• Perfect alignment on all major factors</li> </ul> </li> <li>2. Legal Position Analysis: Key Points: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This is likely the largest or second-largest single asset</li> <li>• Being a 401(k), it's subject to QDRO rules</li> <li>• 25-year marriage means likely all community property</li> <li>• September 15, 2023 separation date important for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Post-separation contributions</li> <li>○ Market value changes</li> <li>○ Company match allocations</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ol> <p>Both Positions Align:</p>	<p>allocated to Robert, as indicated by "Comm to RM."</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>Robert's Position:</b> Robert also intends to retain this asset.</li> </ul> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>4. <b>Analysis:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ This asset has a straightforward agreement in terms of valuation and distribution, reducing any potential for dispute. It will remain with Robert as both parties prefer.</li> </ul> </li> <li>5. <b>Negotiation Strategy:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ As both parties agree, this asset requires no further negotiation. Robert could use the agreement on these financial accounts as a baseline when discussing the allocation of more contentious assets.</li> </ul> </li> </ol> <p>For the Microsoft HSA #5316 - Robert:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>Value Comparison:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Both Robert and Christine agree on the value of <b>\$32,428</b> for this Health Savings Account (HSA).</li> </ul> </li> <li>2. <b>Liability:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ There are no liabilities associated with this asset for either party.</li> </ul> </li> <li>3. <b>Core Positions:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>Christine's Position:</b> She agrees that this HSA should go to Robert, as indicated by "Comm to RM."</li> <li>○ <b>Robert's Position:</b> Robert is also in favor of retaining this HSA.</li> </ul> </li> <li>4. <b>Analysis:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ This asset has no discrepancies in valuation or intended distribution. It will remain with Robert as both parties agree on this allocation.</li> </ul> </li> <li>5. <b>Negotiation Strategy:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ No further negotiation is necessary for this asset. This</li> </ul> </li> </ol>
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Full community property characterization</li> <li>• Full value inclusion</li> <li>• Award to Robert with offset</li> </ul> <p>3. Negotiation Strategy: Advantages:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Agreement on value eliminates major potential dispute</li> <li>• QDRO-eligible makes division flexible if needed</li> <li>• Can be good offset against other assets</li> </ul> <p>Strategic Considerations: a) Value Certainty:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 401(k) value is highly verifiable</li> <li>• Market fluctuations can affect value</li> <li>• Consider whether to use date-of-division value</li> </ul> <p>b) Tax Implications:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All pre-tax money</li> <li>• Equal division more valuable to lower-earning spouse</li> <li>• Consider tax impact in overall settlement</li> </ul> <p>c) Offset Opportunities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Clean value makes it good for offsetting: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Kirkland Ave separate property claim</li> <li>◦ Property equity differences</li> <li>◦ Other retirement accounts</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>Questions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Are there any outstanding loans against this 401(k)?</li> <li>2. Has Robert been making post-separation contributions?</li> <li>3. What's the current investment allocation/risk level?</li> </ol> <p>This asset is particularly valuable for negotiation because:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Clear, agreed value</li> <li>2. Significant size (\$1.8M+)</li> <li>3. Flexibility in division if needed</li> <li>4. Clean characterization</li> <li>5. No valuation disputes</li> </ol> <p>Let's analyze this deferred compensation account:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Numerical Analysis: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Both parties agree on value: \$32,889</li> </ul> </li> </ol>	<p>agreement may contribute to a smoother discussion on more complex or disputed assets.</p> <p>For the Starbucks 401(k) - Christine:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>Value Comparison:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Both Robert and Christine agree on the value of <b>\$1,098,190</b> for this retirement account.</li> </ul> </li> <li>2. <b>Liability:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ There are no liabilities associated with this account for either party.</li> </ul> </li> <li>3. <b>Core Positions:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ <b>Christine's Position:</b> She claims an additional <b>\$36,574</b> as her separate property, likely from post-separation contributions or other personal contributions, and she seeks to retain this account entirely.</li> <li>◦ <b>Robert's Position:</b> He agrees that this asset is primarily community property but does not explicitly acknowledge the separate \$36,574 amount to Christine.</li> </ul> </li> <li>4. <b>Analysis:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Christine's additional claim of \$36,574 as separate property could provide her with a slight advantage in terms of total value retained. If Robert does not contest this amount, Christine would retain full control of the account and the additional amount.</li> <li>◦ The agreed-upon allocation simplifies the division but leaves room for discussion on whether the \$36,574 is rightfully separate or should be treated differently.</li> </ul> </li> <li>5. <b>Negotiation Strategy:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Robert could either agree to the separate \$36,574 to expedite negotiations or inquire further</li> </ul> </li> </ol>
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Both agree on characterization as community property</li> <li>• Both agree on award to Robert</li> <li>• Valuation date matches: 9/30/24</li> <li>• Zero debt/liens</li> </ul> <p>Interesting Note:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In CM_Moyer document, there's a note about "Microsoft Deferred Compensation Plan Withdrawals by Robert in Violation of Temporary Order and Financial Restraining Order" for \$26,979</li> <li>• This appears separate from the current \$32,889 balance</li> <li>• Could be significant for negotiation</li> </ul> <p>2. Legal Position Analysis: Current Balance (\$32,889):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Clear agreement on all aspects</li> <li>• Community property characterization appropriate for 25-year marriage</li> </ul> <p>Potential Violation Issue (\$26,979):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If withdrawals were made during temporary orders</li> <li>• Could affect: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Final division calculations</li> <li>◦ Crediting mechanism</li> <li>◦ Trust/compliance issues</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>3. Negotiation Strategy: Current Balance:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Small relative to overall estate</li> <li>• Agreement makes it simple offset piece</li> </ul> <p>Withdrawal Issue:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• May need to address \$26,979 separately</li> <li>• Could affect: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Trust in negotiations</li> <li>◦ Need for security provisions</li> <li>◦ Overall division percentages</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>Questions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Was there a violation of temporary orders regarding DCP withdrawals?</li> <li>2. Is the \$26,979 already accounted for elsewhere?</li> <li>3. Are there any restrictions on DCP division/distribution?</li> </ol> <p>Strategy Recommendation:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Consider combining discussion of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Current \$32,889 balance</li> <li>◦ Previous \$26,979 withdrawal</li> </ul> </li> </ol>	<p>about the basis for this amount being classified as separate. Clarifying its classification could ensure a fully equitable division.</p> <p><b>For the Fidelity Brokerage #2840 - Robert:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>Value Comparison:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Both Robert and Christine agree on the value of <b>\$1,553,333</b> for this brokerage account.</li> </ul> </li> <li>2. <b>Liability:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ There are no liabilities associated with this account for either party.</li> </ul> </li> <li>3. <b>Core Positions:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ <b>Christine's Position:</b> She classifies this asset as community property.</li> <li>◦ <b>Robert's Position:</b> He intends to retain this account entirely as indicated by "Comm to RM."</li> </ul> </li> <li>4. <b>Analysis:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Since both parties agree on the valuation and the community property classification, and Christine seems amenable to Robert retaining the account, this asset division appears straightforward.</li> <li>◦ Retaining this high-value asset may strengthen Robert's position in negotiating a balanced distribution overall.</li> </ul> </li> <li>5. <b>Negotiation Strategy:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Since both parties agree, Robert may retain this asset without additional negotiation. However, Robert could consider leveraging this account's value to offset more contentious assets, ensuring an equitable overall division.</li> </ul> </li> </ol> <p><b>For the Fidelity IRA #9280 - Robert:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>Value Comparison:</b></li> </ol>
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Any required reimbursement/offset</li> </ul> <p>2. May want to use as leverage regarding:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Compliance with final orders</li> <li>○ Security provisions</li> <li>○ Payment terms</li> </ul> <p>Would you like me to explore</p> <p><b>Let's analyze this HSA account:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Numerical Analysis: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Both parties agree on value: \$32,428</li> <li>• Both agree on characterization as community property</li> <li>• Both agree on award to Robert</li> <li>• Valuation date matches: 9/30/24</li> <li>• Zero debt/liens</li> </ul> </li> <li>2. Legal Position Analysis: Special Considerations for HSAs: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• HSAs have unique tax treatment</li> <li>• Cannot be divided by QDRO</li> <li>• Cannot be transferred between spouses after divorce</li> <li>• Can only be used for qualified medical expenses</li> <li>• Annual contribution limits apply</li> </ul> </li> </ol> <p>Key Legal Points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Must be awarded to one party outright</li> <li>• Value agreed, making offset simpler</li> <li>• Tax implications different from other retirement accounts</li> </ul> <p>3. Negotiation Strategy: Practical Considerations: a) HSA Characteristics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Tax-free for medical expenses</li> <li>○ Triple tax advantage (contribution, growth, withdrawal)</li> <li>○ More valuable to party with: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Higher medical expenses</li> <li>▪ Higher tax bracket</li> <li>▪ Less insurance coverage</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>b) Strategy Options:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Since both agree Robert keeps it: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Factor in tax advantages when valuing for offset</li> <li>○ Consider future medical needs</li> <li>○ May be worth more than face value due to tax benefits</li> </ul> </li> </ol>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Both Robert and Christine agree on the value of <b>\$66,512</b> for this IRA account.</li> </ul> <p>2. <b>Liability:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ There are no liabilities associated with this account for either party.</li> </ul> <p>3. <b>Core Positions:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>Christine's Position:</b> She agrees that this IRA should go to Robert, as indicated by "Comm to RM."</li> <li>○ <b>Robert's Position:</b> Robert is also in favor of retaining this IRA.</li> </ul> <p>4. <b>Analysis:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ This asset has no discrepancies in valuation or intended distribution. Both parties agree that it should remain with Robert.</li> </ul> <p>5. <b>Negotiation Strategy:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ No additional negotiation is required for this asset. As both parties are in agreement, this provides a straightforward division. Robert could use this alignment to streamline negotiations on more complex assets.</li> </ul> <p>Would you like to continue with the next item?</p> <p><b>For the Fidelity #1931 - Robert (post temp):</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>Value Comparison:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>Robert's Value:</b> \$381,478.</li> <li>○ <b>Christine's Value:</b> \$440,150.</li> <li>○ <b>Difference:</b> Christine's valuation is higher by \$58,672.</li> </ul> </li> <li>2. <b>Liability:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ There are no liabilities associated with this account for either party.</li> </ul> </li> <li>3. <b>Core Positions:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>Christine's Position:</b> She acknowledges this as community property but values it at \$440,150.</li> </ul> </li> </ol>
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2. Could be grouped with:
  - Christine's UMB HSA (\$4,960)
  - Other smaller accounts for simplified offsets

Questions:

1. Are there ongoing medical expenses for either party?
2. Does Robert have current employer HSA contributions?
3. How does this coordinate with post-divorce health insurance?

This is a smaller asset but has unique characteristics that make it:

1. Must be awarded whole (can't split)
2. More valuable than face value due to tax benefits
3. Good to group with other smaller accounts for offset

Would you like me to explore any particular aspect further, especially regarding tax implications or coordination with health insurance planning?

**Starbucks 401k - Christine**

Let's analyze this substantial retirement account:

1. Numerical Analysis:
  - Both agree on base value: \$1,098,190
  - Valuation date matches: 9/30/24
  - Key Difference: Treatment of separate property
    - Christine claims \$36,574 as separate property (post-separation contributions)
    - Robert's exhibit shows all as community
  - Net Impact:
    - Christine's view: \$1,061,616 community + \$36,574 separate
    - Robert's view: \$1,098,190 all community
2. Legal Position Analysis: Christine's Position:
  - Post-separation contributions are separate property
  - \$36,574 tracked and identified specifically

- **Robert's Position:** He also considers it community property but values it at \$381,478, which is lower than Christine's valuation.

4. **Analysis:**

- The difference in valuations could stem from different assessment dates or fluctuations in account value post-separation. This discrepancy may require clarification, especially if both parties aim to ensure accurate valuations for an equitable division.

5. **Negotiation Strategy:**

- Robert could request a review of the valuation date or provide recent statements to clarify the actual value.
- If Christine agrees to the lower valuation, it could streamline negotiations. Alternatively, Robert could leverage the discrepancy to negotiate adjustments in other assets if Christine insists on the higher value.

**For the Fidelity #2068 - Christine (post temp):**

1. **Value Comparison:**

- **Robert's Value:** \$386,008.
- **Christine's Value:** \$440,150.
- **Difference:** Christine's valuation is higher by \$54,142.

2. **Liability:**

- There are no liabilities associated with this account for either party.

3. **Core Positions:**

- **Christine's Position:** She values the account at \$440,150 and wishes to retain it as community property allocated to her.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Logic: Earnings after separation are separate property</li> <li>• Clear tracing of post-separation amount</li> </ul> <p>Robert's Position:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lists entire amount as community</li> <li>• Might argue: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Commingled funds</li> <li>○ Growth on community portion</li> <li>○ Need for more precise tracing</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>Legal Principles:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Post-separation earnings typically separate property</li> <li>• Burden to trace post-separation contributions</li> <li>• Growth allocation between community/separate needed</li> </ul> <p>3. Negotiation Strategy: Strengths:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Christine has specific number (\$36,574)</li> <li>• Relatively small portion of total (3.3%)</li> <li>• Principle of post-separation earnings is strong</li> </ul> <p>Options:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Could trade off against: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Post-separation Microsoft 401(k) contributions</li> <li>○ Other post-separation earnings issues</li> <li>○ Simplify by netting all post-separation retirement contributions</li> </ul> </li> </ol> <p>Questions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Is \$36,574 just contributions or includes earnings?</li> <li>2. Are there matching employer contributions in this amount?</li> <li>3. Can post-separation contributions be clearly documented?</li> </ol> <p>Strategy Recommendation:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. This might not be worth major dispute given: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Small percentage of total (3.3%)</li> <li>○ Clear separation date</li> <li>○ Documentable contributions</li> </ul> </li> <li>2. Could be good trade against any post-separation Microsoft benefits</li> </ol>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>Robert's Position:</b> He values the account at \$386,008, which is lower than Christine's valuation, but agrees it should remain with Christine.</li> </ul> <p>4. <b>Analysis:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ The valuation discrepancy may be due to different assessment dates or fluctuations in the account's market value. This difference could impact the total equitable distribution if not reconciled.</li> </ul> <p>5. <b>Negotiation Strategy:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Robert could request updated statements to confirm the account's current value, potentially negotiating a middle ground or accepting Christine's higher valuation if it simplifies the division process.</li> <li>○ If Robert agrees to Christine's valuation, he might use this as leverage to negotiate more favorable terms on other assets.</li> </ul> <p><b>For the Fidelity #2068 - Christine (post temp):</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>Value Comparison:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>Robert's Value:</b> \$386,008.</li> <li>○ <b>Christine's Value:</b> \$440,150.</li> <li>○ <b>Difference:</b> Christine's valuation is higher by \$54,142.</li> </ul> </li> <li>2. <b>Liability:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ There are no liabilities associated with this account for either party.</li> </ul> </li> <li>3. <b>Core Positions:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>Christine's Position:</b> She values the account at \$440,150 and wishes to retain it as community property allocated to her.</li> <li>○ <b>Robert's Position:</b> He values the account at \$386,008, which is lower than Christine's valuation, but agrees it should remain with Christine.</li> </ul> </li> </ol>
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### Fidelity Brokerage

Let's analyze this substantial brokerage account:

1. Numerical Analysis:
  - Both agree on value: \$1,553,333
  - Both agree it's community property
  - Valuation date matches: 9/30/24
  - Zero debt/liens
  - Robert's document notes "microsoft" in description
  - Represents significant portion of liquid assets
2. Legal Position Analysis: Key Points:
  - Third largest single asset after Kirkland home and Microsoft 401(k)
  - Unlike retirement accounts:
    - No QDRO needed
    - Immediately accessible
    - No tax penalties for early withdrawal
    - Capital gains implications instead
  - Significant because:
    - Liquid
    - Divisible without penalty
    - Market value can fluctuate
    - May hold Microsoft stock (higher risk concentration)

Both Positions Align On:

- Value
  - Community property characterization
  - Going to Robert (with offset)
3. Negotiation Strategy: Strategic Value: a) Liquidity makes this account particularly important:
    - Can be used for immediate distributions
    - No withdrawal penalties
    - Easily transferable
    - Could fund equalizing payments

b) Risk Factors:

- If heavy in Microsoft stock, concentrated risk
- Market volatility between agreement and transfer
- Capital gains implications

### 4. Analysis:

- The valuation discrepancy may be due to different assessment dates or fluctuations in the account's market value. This difference could impact the total equitable distribution if not reconciled.

### 5. Negotiation Strategy:

- Robert could request updated statements to confirm the account's current value, potentially negotiating a middle ground or accepting Christine's higher valuation if it simplifies the division process.
- If Robert agrees to Christine's valuation, he might use this as leverage to negotiate more favorable terms on other assets.

### Fidelity IRA #0520 - Christine

#### 1. Value Comparison:

- Both Robert and Christine agree on the value of **\$4,904**.

#### 2. Liability:

- There are no liabilities associated with this account.

#### 3. Core Positions:

- Both Robert and Christine agree that this account should be classified as community property allocated to Christine.

#### 4. Analysis:

- This asset has no discrepancies and is mutually agreed upon, making it straightforward for division.

#### 5. Negotiation Strategy:

- No additional negotiation is required since both parties are aligned.

### Fidelity Brokerage #0939 - Christine

#### 1. Value Comparison:

- Could affect Robert's ability to make equalizing payments

#### Critical Questions:

1. What is the current composition of this account?
2. How much is in Microsoft stock vs diversified investments?
3. Are there significant unrealized gains/losses?

#### Negotiation Leverage:

1. Could be key source for:
  - Equalizing payments
  - Property buyouts
  - Immediate cash needs
2. Flexibility in division makes it valuable for settlement structuring

#### Strategy Recommendations:

1. Consider using this account to:
  - Balance overall property division
  - Fund any immediate cash needs
  - Offset less liquid assets
2. May want provisions about:
  - Timing of transfers
  - Market risk between agreement and transfer
  - Tax consequence allocation

#### Let's analyze this Robert IRA account:

1. Numerical Analysis:
  - Both agree on value: \$66,512
  - Both agree on characterization as community property
  - Both agree on award to Robert
  - Valuation date matches: 9/30/24
  - Zero debt/liens
  - Relatively small compared to other retirement assets (\$1.8M 401k)
2. Legal Position Analysis: Key Points:
  - Unlike 401(k):
    - Can be divided without QDRO
    - Transfer via direct trustee-to-trustee transfer
    - Must use specific IRA division language
  - Community property characterization appropriate given:

- Both Robert and Christine agree on the value of **\$12,185**.

#### 2. Liability:

- There are no liabilities associated with this account.

#### 3. Core Positions:

- **Christine's Position:** She claims **\$999** as separate property (likely due to post-separation contributions) and **\$11,186** as community property allocated to her.
- **Robert's Position:** He does not dispute this allocation, indicating agreement with Christine's classification.

#### 4. Analysis:

- The designation of \$999 as separate property, with the rest as community, provides a slight advantage to Christine but does not appear to be contested by Robert.

#### 5. Negotiation Strategy:

- Since Robert appears agreeable to Christine's classification, this division should not require further negotiation. If any adjustments are necessary in other assets, Robert could use this as an example of his cooperation in minor claims.

- 25-year marriage
- No separate property claims
- No dispute over value

Complete Agreement On:

- Value
  - Characterization
  - Award to Robert
3. Negotiation Strategy: Strategic  
 Considerations: a) Relatively small asset makes it:
- Good for rounding out divisions
  - Simple offset piece
  - Could group with other smaller accounts

b) Could combine with:

- Christine's Fidelity IRA (\$4,904)
- Other smaller retirement accounts
- Simplify overall division

Recommendations:

1. Consider grouping with:
  - Other IRAs
  - Smaller accounts
  - General retirement asset category
2. Use as:
  - Balancing item
  - Part of retirement asset package
  - Offset against other small accounts

Questions:

1. Traditional or Roth IRA? (Tax implications)
2. Current investment allocation?
3. Any basis issues?

Given complete agreement and relatively small size, this asset might be best handled by:

1. Simple offset in overall property division
2. Grouping with other retirement assets
3. Part of broader retirement division strategy

**Fidelity #1931 - Robert (post temp)**

Let's analyze this post-temporary order account:

1. Numerical Analysis: Significant Value Difference:
  - Robert values at: \$381,478

- Christine values at: \$440,150
- Difference: \$58,672 (15.4% higher in Christine's valuation)

Key Details from Documents:

- Christine's doc notes: "like kinds valued" at 7/12/24
- Robert's value as of 9/30/24
- Robert's exhibit notes this was a "September transfer from x5828" (joint account)

2. Legal Position Analysis: Critical Issues:

a) Different Valuation Dates:

- July vs September 2024
- Market volatility could explain difference
- Need to standardize date

b) Source of Funds:

- Transferred from joint account (x5828)
- Post-temporary orders timing
- May relate to division under temporary orders

c) Related to Christine's Account:

- Similar "post temp" account for Christine (#2068)
- Christine's shows same value (\$440,150)
- Suggests intended to be equal divisions

3. Negotiation Strategy: Red Flags:

4. Value discrepancy could be due to:
- Different valuation dates
  - Market changes
  - Incomplete transfers
  - Different division calculations

Key Questions:

1. Why were these accounts valued at "like kinds"?
2. Was this supposed to be an equal division of joint account?
3. What was the temporary order regarding this division?
4. Have all transfers been completed?

Strategy Recommendations:

1. Focus on Process:

- Agree on valuation date
- Verify transfer completion
- Ensure equal treatment with Christine's #2068

2. Options:

- Use same valuation date as Christine's account
- True-up any unequal divisions
- Consider market changes since division

3. Consider coupling with:

- Christine's #2068 account
- Original joint account issues
- Overall temporary order compliance

This appears to be part of an intended equal division that may need reconciliation. Would you like me to explore the relationship with the other accounts or focus on resolving the valuation difference?

**Fidelity #2068 - Christine (post temp)**

Let's analyze this post-temporary order account that pairs with the previous one:

1. Numerical Analysis: Value Discrepancy:
  - Robert values at: \$386,008
  - Christine values at: \$440,150
  - Difference: \$54,142 (14% higher in Christine's valuation)

Comparison to Robert's #1931: Robert's Values:

- His #1931: \$381,478
- Her #2068: \$386,008
- Nearly equal (~\$4,530 difference)

Christine's Values:

- Both accounts at exactly \$440,150
  - Shows clear intent for equal division
2. Legal Position Analysis: Key Points:
    - Both accounts from same joint source (x5828)
    - Christine's doc shows "like kinds valued" at 7/12/24
    - Robert's shows 9/30/24 valuation
    - Pattern suggests attempted equal division under temporary orders

Timeline Issues:

- Different valuation dates
- Post-temporary order transfers
- Market changes between dates

3. Negotiation Strategy: Critical Observations:



4. These accounts (#1931 and #2068) clearly meant to be equal
5. Robert shows them nearly equal (at lower values)
6. Christine shows them exactly equal (at higher values)

Key Questions:

1. Why different valuation dates?
2. Were specific assets transferred "in kind"?
3. How handle market changes since division?

Strategy Recommendations:

1. Treat Both Accounts Together:
  - Use same valuation date for both
  - Ensure truly equal division
  - Account for any post-division changes
2. Options: a) Use Christine's values (\$440,150 each) if:
  - Can verify "like kind" transfers
  - Market conditions support b)Use Robert's values (\$381-386K each) if:
  - More current/accurate
  - Can document market changes
3. Consider:
  - Equal treatment most important
  - Market risk allocation
  - Any true-up needed

This appears to be an intended equal division that needs reconciliation of:

1. Valuation dates
2. Market changes
3. Final true-up

**Fidelity IRA #0520 –**

Numerical Analysis:

- Both agree on value: \$4,904
- Both agree on characterization as community property
- Both agree on award to Christine
- Valuation date matches: 9/30/24
- Zero debt/liens
- Very small relative to overall estate (less than 0.1%)

<p>2. Legal Position Analysis: Complete Agreement On:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Value</li> <li>• Characterization</li> <li>• Award to Christine</li> </ul> <p>Characteristics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• IRA can be divided without QDRO</li> <li>• Small enough that transaction costs matter</li> <li>• Not worth complex division given size</li> </ul> <p>3. Negotiation Strategy: Recommendations:</p> <p>a) Due to small size:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Not worth separate negotiation</li> <li>• Bundle with other small accounts</li> <li>• Use as rounding number</li> </ul> <p>b) Most efficient to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Award entirely to Christine as agreed</li> <li>• Simple offset at agreed value</li> <li>• Include in broader retirement asset package</li> </ul> <p>c) Could combine discussion with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Robert's Fidelity IRA (\$66,512)</li> <li>• Other small accounts</li> <li>• General retirement category</li> </ul> <p>Strategy:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Don't spend negotiation time on this asset</li> <li>2. Include in broader asset groups</li> <li>3. Use for minor adjustments if needed</li> </ol> <p>Fidelity IRA #0520 - Christine</p> <p>Fidelity Brokerage #0939 - Christine \$</p> <p>Let's analyze these two related accounts together:</p> <p>1. Numerical Analysis: IRA #0520:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Both agree on value: \$4,904</li> <li>• Both agree: Community to Christine</li> </ul> <p>Brokerage #0939:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Both agree on total value: \$12,185</li> <li>• Key Difference: Christine splits into: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ \$999 separate property</li> <li>○ \$11,186 community property</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Robert shows all as community</li> </ul> <p>Combined Impact:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Small total amount (\$17,089)</li> </ul>	
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dispute over \$999 characterization</li> <li>• Note: Christine's exhibit indicates \$999 is "Starbucks RSUs 1st to vest after separation"</li> </ul> <p>2. Legal Position Analysis: Key Issues: a)</p> <p>For \$999 Separate Property Claim:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Post-separation RSU vesting</li> <li>○ Clear tracing available</li> <li>○ Small amount</li> <li>○ Clear connection to employment</li> <li>○ Specific identification</li> </ul> <p>b) Legal Principles:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Post-separation earnings typically separate</li> <li>• RSU vesting rules can be complex</li> <li>• Need to consider grant dates vs vesting dates</li> <li>• Time rule allocation might apply</li> </ul> <p>3. Negotiation Strategy: Strategic Observations:</p> <p>4. Total amount very small (\$17,089)</p> <p>5. Separate property claim even smaller (\$999)</p> <p>6. Clear tracing available</p> <p>7. Part of larger RSU picture</p> <p>Recommendations: a) Due to small size:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Not worth significant negotiation time</li> <li>• Bundle with other RSU/stock discussions</li> <li>• Consider as part of broader compensation package</li> </ul> <p>b) Options:</p> <p>1. Quick resolution:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Accept Christine's characterization (minimal impact)</li> <li>○ Include in broader RSU/stock settlement</li> <li>○ Use as minor offset</li> </ul> <p>2. Bundle with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Other RSU discussions</li> <li>○ Post-separation earnings issues</li> <li>○ Broader stock division strategy</li> </ul> <p>Questions:</p> <p>1. Are there other RSUs in dispute?</p> <p>2. Part of larger compensation pattern?</p>	
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<p>3. Any other post-separation vesting issues?</p> <p>Given the small amounts, suggest:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Bundle with other stock/RSU issues</li><li>2. Accept Christine's characterization (minimal impact)</li><li>3. Use as minor balancing item</li></ol>	
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