

# Build a Secure Financial Future

*With A Structured Settlement From United of Omaha*





# Structured Settlements

*Designed to Meet Your Unique Individual Needs*

**Life is unpredictable. An unexpected accident or injury can alter your life and threaten your financial security in the blink of an eye. A structured settlement may offer stability and peace of mind during a time of uncertainty.**

A structured settlement provides an excellent solution for claimants following personal physical injury or workers' compensation claims. It is an effective means of providing you with fixed, ongoing payments according to a customized plan while providing an attractive alternative to a lump sum cash settlement or investments with taxable income.

A structured settlement can help add certainty and peace of mind to your financial situation by establishing the payments you need to help achieve your goals. A flexible settlement structure can be designed to meet your specific, individual needs. Payments are fixed – they are not impacted by market fluctuations or downturns in the economy. Cost of living adjustments are available to help keep pace with inflation and rising health care costs.

Annuity payments to fund a structured settlement are provided by United of Omaha Life Insurance Company, a wholly owned subsidiary of Mutual of Omaha Insurance Company, and a trusted provider of annuity products for more than 50 years.

# Structured Settlement Terms

## **Structured Settlement –**

A combination of cash and future periodic payments designed to meet a claimant's future financial needs.

## **Claimant –**

One who makes a claim and agrees to resolve it with financial compensation (e.g. personal physical injury or workers' compensation).

## **Assignment Company –**

The company which owns the structured settlement annuity and is contractually obligated to make periodic payments to the claimant. To preserve the income tax-free status of a structured settlement annuity, a claimant must not control or have an ownership interest in the annuity.

## **Insurance Company –**

The company from which a fixed annuity is purchased to fund the structured settlement. The assignment company purchases an annuity from United of Omaha Life Insurance Company, which makes annuity payments to the claimant as specified.

## **Guaranteed Payments –**

All guaranteed payments will be paid to the claimant, if living, or to a designated beneficiary if claimant is deceased.

## **Lifetime Payments –**

Periodic payments continue for as long as a claimant is living (if lifetime option is selected).

## **Beneficiary –**

The person(s) designated to receive benefits of a structured settlement if the claimant dies before all guaranteed payments are made.

## **Internal Rate of Return (IRR) –**

The discount rate at which the present value of future cash flows of an investment equal the cost of the investment.



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## **For More Information**

For more information on a structured settlement annuity from United of Omaha, please call 1-800-617-2861 or go to <http://www.mutualofomaha.com/structuredsettlements>

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## United of Omaha Life Insurance Company

United of Omaha Life Insurance Company was founded in 1926 and is a wholly owned subsidiary of Mutual of Omaha Insurance Company. United of Omaha has provided institutional investment and annuity products for more than 50 years. Our highly trained and experienced annuity service representatives currently administer annuity benefits to more than 61,000 annuitants with more than \$21 million in benefits paid each month.

United of Omaha has consistently earned and maintained high marks from the industry's leading rating agencies:

<b>A.M. Best Company, Inc.</b> (for overall financial strength and ability to meet ongoing obligations to policyholders)	<b>A+</b> (Superior) This rating is second highest of 16
<b>Moody's Investors Service</b> (for current financial strength and ability to withstand financial stress in the future)	<b>A1</b> (Good) This rating is fifth highest of 21
<b>Standard &amp; Poor's</b> (for financial strength to meet obligations to policyholders)	<b>A+</b> (Strong) This rating is fifth highest of 21

Ratings as of April 1, 2012.

# The Advantages Of A Structured Settlement

A structured settlement is a promise to pay benefits to an injured party over a number of years according to an agreed schedule. They are designed to provide a source of funds for the future, and are not impacted by market fluctuations or downturns in the economy. Other advantages include:

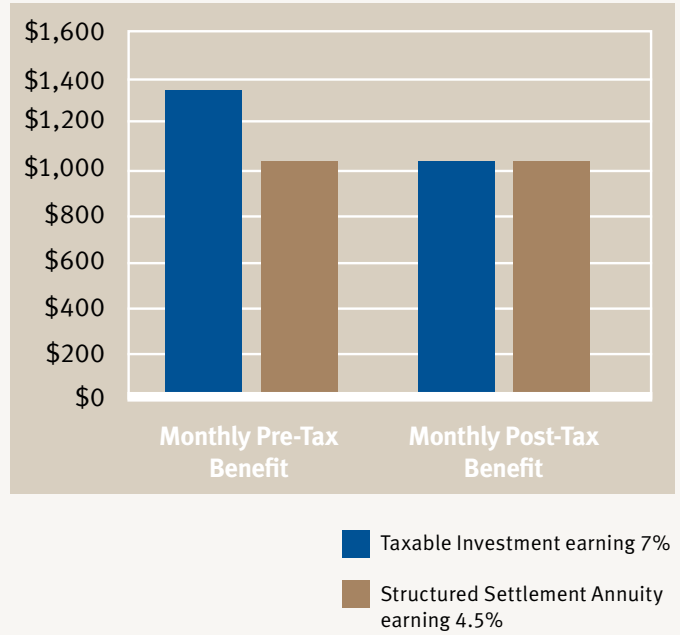
- **Security** – A structured settlement may provide stability in times of financial uncertainty. Lifetime payment options may provide additional security to those concerned with outliving their funds, and a structured settlement helps claimants avoid risks associated with other types of investments that can lead to premature depletion of savings.
- **Maximization of Benefits** – With a structured settlement you may receive significantly more over the life of the annuity than you would with a lump-sum cash settlement (depending on how long the claimant lives). Fixed annuity payments may continue for life, no matter how long a claimant may live.
- **Income tax free payments** – A structured settlement offers a solution to settle a personal physical injury or workers' compensation claim (including wrongful death) with a future stream of income tax free payments.<sup>1</sup> Internal Revenue Code Sections 104(a)(1) and 104(a)(2) provide that the full amount of the structured settlement payments related to workers' compensation and personal physical injury claims is income tax free.
- **Flexibility** – The claimant's payments are designed to meet specific needs, and may include income replacement, college funds for dependent children, and ongoing medical expenses. Payments may be scheduled for any length of time, and may continue for a claimant's lifetime. Payments may be immediate or deferred and may be made in equal installments or vary over time.
- **Beneficiary Protection** – In the event of the claimant's premature death, the annuity can be structured so a designated beneficiary will receive all future non-life contingent payments.

<sup>1</sup>This tax exclusion does not apply to payments received for punitive damages. The tax law is subject to change and may be subject to different interpretations. Neither United of Omaha nor its affiliates guarantees any of the intended tax consequences discussed herein. Neither United of Omaha nor its affiliates offers tax or legal advice. Any discussion of taxes in this material is intended to be general in nature and based on our understanding of the tax laws as they currently apply. Interested parties should consult their own tax advisors to determine how the tax law applies to their own situation.





## Benefits of Income Tax Free Payments



**Example:** 45 year-old female choosing the *Life with 20-year Period Certain* benefit. For illustration only, assumes 28% tax rate.

A structured settlement annuity can help maximize the value of your settlement. Payments are exempt from income taxes and therefore may out-perform taxable investments with a higher return or yield. In the graph above, a claimant who invests \$1,356 a month in a taxable investment would need to earn 7% on that investment to equal the monthly post-tax benefit amount of \$1,045 provided by a structured settlement annuity earning 4.5%.

# How A Structured Settlement Works

1. The defendant and claimant reach a settlement that provides for the claimant to receive future payments designed to meet the claimant's specific needs.



2. As part of the settlement, the claimant agrees to release the defendant from the claim in exchange for a monetary settlement that can include cash and/or periodic payments over time.



3. The defendant may transfer the obligation for valuable consideration to Mutual of Omaha Structured Settlement Company. The assignment company assumes the obligation to pay periodic payments to the claimant.



5. United of Omaha Life Insurance Company makes payments to the claimant.



4. The assignment company purchases an annuity from United of Omaha Life Insurance Company (United of Omaha) to fund the structured settlement. Periodic payment obligations are guaranteed by United of Omaha.





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