## **Portfolio Income Buffer**

### **Benefits:**

- 1. Combines "Total Return" & "Bucket" retirement income approaches
- 2. Provides smooth and predictable income stream
- 3. Insulates cash flow from market volatility
- 4. Protects portfolio from untimely cash needs
- 5. Enables you to opportunistically replenish cash and rebalance portfolio
- 6. Provides tax flexibility
- 7. Adaptable to account setup and personal preference

Periodic cash flows to buffer account

Distributions paid monthly to checking from buffer account

# **Cash Accounts**

- Maintains at least 2 months for everyday expenses
- Maintains at least 4 months for emergency reserves
- Holds additional funds for known short-term expenses

### **Portfolio Income Buffer**

- Maintains up to 18-24 months of monthly withdrawals in money markets and laddered short-term CDs
- Uses a ladder of short-term bonds and target maturity bond funds for distribution years 2-6
- Regular distributions replenish Cash Accounts

#### **Investment Portfolio**

- Accounts consolidated (where possible) for easier management
  - Retirement Plans to traditional IRAs
  - Merge similar accounts for each individual or liketitled account
- Broadly diversified asset allocation implemented with low-cost funds
- Dividends and capital gains replenish Portfolio Income Buffer instead of reinvested
- Portfolio rebalanced periodically to maintain allocation and replenish Portfolio Income Buffer
- Incorporates tax management (tax-loss harvesting, distribution planning, tax withholdings)

**Short-Term Liquid Investments** 

**Long-Term Investments**