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## Project Runway: Making the most of time until departure from a privately-held company

- I. Introduction
  - a. Background
  - b. Focus audience on wealth in closely-held businesses/private company wealth
    - i. Statistics on private company wealth
    - ii. Planning opportunities
- II. Measure of private company returns
  - a. Returns for subject company
  - b. Impact of certain decisions
  - c. ROI on specific reinvestments
  - d. Alternative funding mechanisms
  - e. Leverage analysis
  - f. Diversification, creating (partial) liquidity
  - g. Return maximization w/in portfolio/optimum deployment
  - h. Peer/industry comparison
- III. Consideration of financial investment in valuation
  - a. Management fee based on \$AUM
    - i. Possible uses for management fee budget
    - ii. Additional considerations
    - iii. Case study
  - b. Benefits to valuation
    - i. Buy-sell
      - 1. Prevent future cash outlay for litigation,
      - 2. Risk mitigation
      - 3. Clarity
      - 4. Case study WA company w/ 6 years of costly litigation
    - ii. Operational improvements & advancing transition readiness
      - 1. Impacts on value
      - 2. Concentrations
      - 3. Key person conversion value transfer
      - 4. Curb appeal/staging
      - 5. Case study WA company w/ private equity investment, beginning 3<sup>rd</sup> year of dispute resolution with no payments on notes or earnouts
    - iii. Life insurance planning
      - 1. Coverage

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- 2. Clarity
- 3. Case study WA company w/ death of 50% shareholder, costly & lengthy litigation w/ departed shareholder's estate, share redemption greater than company value.
- iv. Alternative capital structures
  - 1. Evaluation of liquidity goals
  - 2. Analysis of liquidity options
    - a. Dividends
    - b. ESOP
    - c. Minority interest private equity
    - d. Leveraged share repurchase
      - i. Case study

IV. Conclusion