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eNewsletter



## Florida Estate Planning & Elder Law E-Newsletter December 2018

### Greetings!



We hope you enjoy this e-newsletter, the last for 2018. Wishing you and yours a wonderful December. See you next year!

*All the best,  
The Attorneys & Staff  
of The Karp Law Firm*



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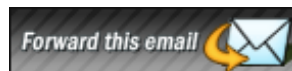
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## **Free Workshops**

Our estate planning and long-term care planning workshops return in January. These events are free, no obligation, and you don't even need a reservation. Those who we think we can help have the opportunity to schedule a free consultation on the spot! Please let your friends and neighbors know.

[Workshop Schedule](#)

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## **Some Medicaid Managed Care Plans Changing**

If you or a loved one is receiving Medicaid benefits for long-term care, you may soon be asked to enroll in a new managed care plan, depending on the plan you are currently enrolled in and the county in which you reside. ***Do not worry:*** this is a formality and will not jeopardize benefits!

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## **"Ask Me About Juror 9 and Elder Law"**

Who is Joe Karp, the man behind all those legal credentials? Get the fun facts in Charles Elmore's *Palm Beach Post* interview of our firm's founder.

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## **Time To Stock Up On Stamps?**

The price of those "forever" stamps won't last forever. They will cost more in January, so you may want to stock up now. Other postal services will see rate hikes, too.

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## Federal Gift & Estate Tax Exemption Increases in 2019

The Federal Unified Gift and Estate Tax Exemption increases to \$11.4 million in 2019. If you are like most people, your estate is probably not taxable, but stay alert: the current law sunsets Jan. 1, 2026.

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## Minor Children? Make Plans, Don't Procrastinate



If you have a minor child and anything happens to you, the court will name a guardian for your child. You can let the court know your preference for guardian - but *only* if you have established the proper legal documentation.

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## Food For Families

We've racked up another outstanding year of helping put food on the Thanksgiving table of needy families.

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## When Beneficiary Designations Go Bad

It is essential to periodically review your beneficiary designations. To illustrate why, read this family's highly unusual story of mismanaged beneficiary designations.

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## Film Depicts One Family's Alzheimer's Journey

A new film, *What They Had*, explores one family's challenges when the family matriarch is diagnosed with Alzheimer's Disease. It's a

story that will resonate with many of our clients.

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## **Life Estate Doesn't Solve Remarried Spouse's Dilemma**

A person in a second marriage who owns the marital home often has two goals: make sure his/her children inherit the home; and enable the spouse to reside in the home if the spouse survives the owner. As our article notes, achieving both goals requires more than just giving the spouse a "life estate" in the home.

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## **Stickball's Still in Style (Egg Creams, Too)**



Stickball is a distant memory for some, but not for the Wycliffe Stiffs: They are keeping the urban tradition going. The Karp Law Firm is delighted to be one of the league's sponsors. Attorney Joseph Karp stopped by for opening day festivities.

[Photos](#)

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## **Long-Term Care Costs Spike to Six Digits**

Annual long-term care costs now exceed \$100,000 in Florida, even more in some areas of the country. What's a middle class person to do?

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## **Greyhounds Need Homes**

Greyhound racing will be eliminated in Florida by 2020. Thousands of dogs will need homes. Despite their racing ability, most greyhounds prefer snuggling on the sofa to sprinting. Find out more about adopting one.

[Read more](#)

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## **We Are Available for Speaking Engagements!**

Another reminder that our attorneys are available for speaking engagements in 2019. Attorney Jonathan Karp recently spoke at the Alzheimer's Awareness Conference, and Attorney Joseph Karp made a

presentation at the Jupiter Senior Academy. To discuss your organization's needs, please contact Debbie at 561-472-6062 or email [dkarp@karplaw.com](mailto:dkarp@karplaw.com).

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