



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

### Message From Our Attorneys

The kids are going back to school and the Snowbirds have not yet returned, but many organizations are already gearing up for the season's activities. Our lawyers have several speaking engagements on the books already. If you would like to arrange for a talk to your organization, please contact Debbie to discuss your needs and scheduling. She can be reached at 561-472-6062 or via email at [dkarp@karplaw.com](mailto:dkarp@karplaw.com).

All the best!  
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## **Free Workshops**

Attend one of our free estate planning/long-term care planning workshops in either Palm Beach Gardens, Boynton Beach or Port St. Lucie. The events are free, no-obligation, and light refreshments are served.

## **[Workshop Schedule](#)**

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## **Medicaid Divisor Changes**

If you or a loved have made gifts in the look-back period prior to applying for nursing home Medicaid benefits, you may face a period of non-eligibility. The method to calculate the penalty period was revised effective July 1, 2018.

## **[Read more](#)**

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## **Houston, We Have A Problem...**



Buzz Aldrin, the Apollo 11 commander and second person to walk on the moon, has more terrestrial challenges these days: fighting his children's attempt to gain guardianship over him. Sound legal planning can help ensure you won't end up in a similar situation.

## **[Read more](#)**

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## **2018 Sales Tax Holiday**

Florida's annual back-to-school sales tax holiday begins Fri., August 3 and continues through Sun., August 5. No sales tax will be charged

for certain clothing items and school supplies.

## [Details](#)

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### **Joseph Karp Named 2018 Super Lawyer**

Congratulations to Attorney Joseph Karp, who has racked up his *12th consecutive year* on ThomsonReuters' Super Lawyers list.

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### **Should Your College Student Stay on Your Health Plan?**

Many colleges offer individual health plans. Federal law says that a child can stay on the parents' health plan until age 26. *Consumer Reports* weighs in on what to consider to make sure your child remains covered.

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### **Living Together, Not Married: Why You Still Need Legal Plans**



Many older couples choose to reside together while avoiding the legal entanglements of marriage. Even without marrying, there are legal issues that couples must address for everyone's protection.

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### **Medicare Advantage To Offer More Help For Chronic Illness**

Are you or a loved one enrolled in a Medicare Advantage plan and have one or more chronic illness? Starting in 2020, your plan will begin covering certain expenses that are not strictly "medical."

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## **Glen Campbell's Widow Shares Her Story At Local Event**

The Karp Law Firm was honored to co-sponsor an appearance on June 12th by Kim Campbell, wife of the late musician Glen Campbell. Kim shared her journey through her husband's Alzheimer's diagnosis and illness with a packed house in West Palm Beach.

[Read more, photos](#)

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## **ABLE Accounts: Good News, At Least For Now**

Tax-advantaged ABLE accounts can be a beneficial planning tool for a child with special needs. These accounts are now offering additional benefits - which unfortunately may not be permanent.

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## **Can You Leave Your Unused Miles To Loved Ones?**



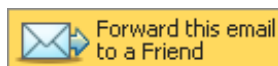
According to some airlines, all those miles you've accumulated may not actually be "yours" to bequeath. Every airline has its own policy.

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