



## Florida Estate Planning & Elder Law E-Newsletter June 2019

Hurricane season returns June 1. The National Oceanographic & Atmospheric Administration predicts a "near-normal" season, with two to four major hurricanes. Of course, even one hurricane is not "normal" if you are in its path! No matter how benign the forecast, preparations are necessary.

You can avoid the last-minute stampede at the stores, and also save money by stocking up on supplies during Florida's Hurricane Preparedness Week, Friday, May 31 through Thursday, June 6. Items such as batteries, flashlights and portable generators may be purchased sales tax-free during this time. For a detailed list of eligible items, click [here](#).

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



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## **Free Workshops**

Join us at our upcoming estate planning and Medicaid workshops. We'll discuss protecting your assets from nursing home costs, how to pass your assets to your loved ones as efficiently and cost-effectively as possible, and much more. There is no obligation. Plus, if we think we can help you, you will be entitled to a free consultation with one of our attorneys. Check out the schedule!

### [Schedule](#)

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## **Proposed Law May Affect IRA Stretchout**

Congress is working on much-needed legislation to make it easier for Americans to save for retirement. However, one casualty of the proposed law may be your child's ability to use his/her own life expectancy to stretch out an inherited IRA.

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## **Late Rocker's Estate Plan Is *Free-Fallin'***



Unlike some celebrities, rock-n-roll legend Tom Petty had an estate plan in place when he passed away. But like the title of his classic song, that plan is now *Free Fallin'*. The reason: one ambiguous provision. There's a lesson here for everyone.

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**Karp Law Firm Sponsors Prime Time Awards**

Our law firm was one of the sponsors of the Area Agency on Aging's 2019 Prime Time Awards, which recognized outstanding senior volunteers in our community. Honorees received awards at a gala breakfast on May 23.

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### **Beware The "One-Ring" Scam**

The calls come late at night with just one or two rings. If you're curious or concerned and call back, your next phone bill could contain an unwelcome surprise.

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### **Listen To Elder Law Radio**

Attorney Joseph Karp's next radio interview is Saturday, June 1 from 7:30 a.m. to 8:00 a.m. [How to listen](#)

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### **Do Adults Need The Measles Vaccine?**



With the U.S. seeing the largest outbreak of measles in 25 years, many adults are wondering about their risk for the disease. Some adults may need to be vaccinated.

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### **Nursing Home, ALF Residents: Hurricane Safe?**

In the wake of Hurricane Irma, Florida required nursing homes and assisted living facilities to have on-site generators. Not all facilities have met the deadline for installing them.

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### **UTMA Accounts May Impact Medicaid Eligibility**

Many people like the simplicity of using UTMA accounts to transfer money to grandchildren. But there could be a catch in the future:

funds placed in a UTMA during the look-back period will impact your eligibility for Medicaid benefits.

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### **Karp Law Firm At Alzheimer's Education Conference**

Attorney Jonathan Karp and Case Manager Supervisor Deeanna Farrington attended the Alzheimer's Community Care Education Conference. Former Wisconsin governor Martin Schreiber, a caregiver for many years, presented this year's keynote address.

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### **Then There Were Three: Aretha Franklin Estate In Turmoil**

Aretha Franklin died in 2018 without a will - or so everyone thought. A search of her home just turned up not one, but *three different wills*. Figuring it all out should keep the lawyers, courts and beneficiaries busy for some time.

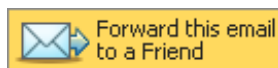
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