



Florida Estate Planning & Elder Law E-Newsletter September 2018

Message From Our Attorneys

On August 28 we lost a national hero, Arizona Senator John McCain. No matter your political persuasion, there's no denying that "The Maverick" was the real deal. He will be missed.

We want to remind you that hurricane season continues through November 30. Some of our strongest storms have come late in the season, so please remain prepared. As Yogi Berra famously said, "It ain't over til it's over."

Last, wishing our Jewish friends *L'Shanah Tovah*, a happy and healthy new year.

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



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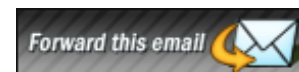
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Free Workshops

Our free estate planning/Medicaid planning workshops return in October. Events are scheduled in Palm Beach Gardens, Boynton Beach and Port St. Lucie. Attendees who we believe we can help can schedule a free consultation at the event. Please share the schedule with your friends and neighbors!

[Workshop Schedule](#)

Celebrity Chef's Estate Plan Missing An Ingredient



Renowned chef Anthony Bourdain hung himself in his hotel room in France on June 8. He had one child. Although Bourdain prepared an estate plan, there's a flaw in the recipe that could create problems for his family.

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New Medicare Cards (And Scams) Now Arriving

Floridians are now receiving their new Medicare cards. Intended to reduce fraud, their introduction has also given rise to a cottage industry of new scams and schemes.

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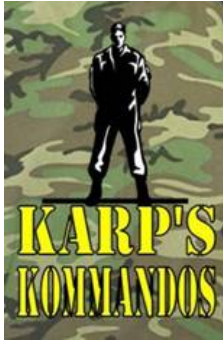
Don't Do This With Your Home If Applying For Medicaid

Will Medicaid take my home? This is a common worry for people and families who are thinking of applying for Medicaid benefits for long-

term care. Not knowing the facts can lead to costly mistakes. Attorney Karp responds to one reader's concerns in this *Palm Beach Post* article.

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Help Karp's Kommandos Conquer Alzheimer's



Over five million Americans have Alzheimer's Disease. A cure remains elusive. If you can, please support Karp's Kommandos as we walk to raise money for Alzheimer's research. To donate to our September 29 Jensen Beach walk [click here](#). To donate to our October 20 West Palm Beach walk [click here](#). Thanks for your support and let's hope we beat this insidious disease very soon.

Will The SEC's "Best Interest" Proposal Protect You?

The Securities and Exchange Commission is working on guidelines to protect investors from conflicts of interest. Supporters of the now-defunct Department of Labor fiduciary rule say the SEC's effort is much ado about nothing, while industry groups largely support it.

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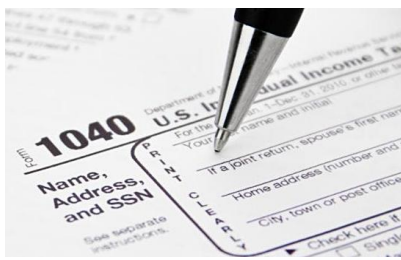
Caring For Aging Parents Can Create Sibling Conflict

A parent in crisis can bring siblings closer together, or tear them apart. A Florida Bar Certified Elder Law Attorney and Florida Supreme Court Certified Circuit Court Mediator (Attorney Joseph Karp holds both of these credentials) can help families work out conflicts, but it's always better to keep the situation from reaching that point.

[More on sibling conflicts from *Forbes*](#)

[More on elder law mediation](#)

Does The Tax "Postcard" Live Up To The Hype?



U.S. taxpayers have been promised a simplified tax code for decades. The IRS' new 1040 form was supposed to finally deliver. Does it?

[Read more](#)

Aretha Franklin, Queen of Soul, Dies Without A Will

"Think" was one of Aretha Franklin's iconic hit songs. One thing she apparently did NOT want to think about is her estate plan, despite having an adult special needs son. The state now decides how her assets get divided.

[Read more](#)

Are The Grandparents Up To Babysitting Your Kids?

People are having kids later in life, and that means grandparents are older too. Even if they want to, they may not be equipped to race after an active youngster!

[How to assess grandparents' caregiving ability](#)
[Documents grandparents should have to care for your child](#)

Find Out How Florida Court Guardianship Works

It's always best to make legal plans to avoid having a court-order guardian appointed. That said, there are times that it is the best and only solution for a vulnerable individual. Florida has made great improvements in its guardianship system in recent years. Find out more on these upcoming radio shows.

[Dates and How to Listen](#)



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