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



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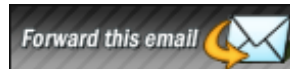
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## **Free Estate Planning/Medicaid Seminars**

Our free estate planning seminars return in January 2020. The schedule will be posted on our website in the next few weeks. Check the schedule [here](#).

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## **Post-It ® Note Won't Stick To Your Estate Plan**



To be valid, your estate plan must be precise and properly executed. The Post-It® note James Anderson gave his lawyer requesting a change in beneficiaries didn't meet that standard, even with ample evidence of Anderson's intent.

[Read more](#)

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## **Real ID Deadline Approaching**

Have you secured your Real ID yet? Beginning October 1, 2020, the Department of Homeland Security requires anyone boarding a commercial aircraft to show Real ID-compliant identification.

[Read more](#)

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## **When Spouses Become Caregivers**

*In sickness and in health.* What the wedding vows don't mention is how chronic illness can alter the relationship between spouses. This excellent article examines the challenges.

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## **Estate Tax Changes: 2020 And Beyond**

It's been up, down and up again. Congress always seems to be fiddling with the federal estate tax. In 2020, the lifetime exemption rises, while the annual exclusion remains unchanged.

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## **Use Care When Giving Holiday Gifts to Special Needs Youngsters**



Giving gifts to a child with special needs must be done wisely. What you give and how you give could impact his/her current or future eligibility for vital government benefits.

[Read more](#)

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## **Speakeasy at Morse Life**

The Karp Law Firm attorneys and staff were on hand at the "Speakeasy" event marking the opening of the Hospice/Palliative program at MorseLife in West Palm Beach.

[Photos](#)

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## **Divorcing? Know How It Impacts Your Planning**

The flurry of activity and emotions accompanying a divorce often eclipses concerns about estate planning. More likely than not your existing plan will be affected, requiring you to take action.

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## **Essay Contest for College-Bound Seniors**

The Alzheimer's Foundation of America is accepting entries for its Alzheimer's Awareness Essay Contest. College-bound seniors may enter by submitting an essay about the impact of the disease on them, their family or community. The grand prize is \$5,000.

[Learn more](#)

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## **Food For Families - Our Firm Sets A New Record**

The Karp Law Firm has participated in the WPTV-Bill Brooks Food Drive for many years. This year we really outdid ourselves!

## LTC Insurance Premium Deductibility Limits Increase



The IRS has announced new deductible levels for long-term care insurance premiums. To take the tax deduction, your policy must be "qualified."

[Read more](#)

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## Elder Law Radio

This month presents two opportunities to hear Attorney Joseph Karp on the radio. He will appear on Anita Finley's STARS show **Saturday, December 7 at 7:30 a.m.** To find out how to tune in and to listen to archived shows, click [here](#). He is also the featured guest on *Oh My God I'm Getting Older And So Is My Mom* on **Monday, December 23 from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m.** Listen on 95.9 FM, or 106.9 FM on the Treasure Coast. The show is also simulcast live on [www.trueoldiesfla.com](http://www.trueoldiesfla.com).

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## Free Amyloid PET Scans At Kane Center

Are you a senior who has been diagnosed with Alzheimer's, but have not had an amyloid PET scan to confirm the diagnosis? If you are taking Namenda, Aricept or both, the Kane Center's Day Medical Center is offering free scans to residents of Martin, Palm Beach and St. Lucie counties.

[More information](#)

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## Boomer Expo Extravaganza Coming January 28

The next Boomer Expo is coming to Seminole Casino in Coconut Creek on Tuesday, January 28. There will be entertainment, prizes, and exhibitors on travel, health, money and more.

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## Call Us - We Are Your Law Firm!

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professional who does. Email [klf@karplaw.com](mailto:klf@karplaw.com) or call 561-625-1100.

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