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Happy Father's Day

The concept of a day honoring fathers was first proposed in 1910 by Sonora Dodd of Spokane, Washington. Noting that mothers seemed to get all the glory, Dodd wanted to recognize her own father, a Civil War veteran who had single-handedly raised Dodd and her five siblings.

It seems like Father's Day has always been part of our culture, but it actually took many more years to become official. Following two failed attempts in Congress to declare it a national holiday, in 1972 President Richard Nixon designated it as such, to be celebrated the third Sunday in June. This year, Father's Day is June 20.

Saluting all the fathers!

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



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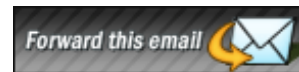
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We Are Open For Business And Playing It Safe

The Karp Law Firm is open for business. In fact, we never closed; we have just been working remotely. Although Florida has eased some restrictions, many esteemed medical professionals predict we have not seen the last of coronavirus cases. In an abundance of caution, we are continuing to meet with clients by phone and videoconference, and conducting document signings using social distancing protocols. Call us at (561) 625-1100 or email us at klf@karplaw.com for appointments and assistance. *Your peace of mind is our priority*, we assure our clients. That includes your good health!

To Intubate, Or Not To Intubate?

Intubation (mechanical ventilation) has saved lives during the pandemic. However, seniors who survive are more likely to experience a diminished quality of life. Now is the time to discuss your preferences regarding this procedure with your health care surrogate or health care power of attorney, and to make sure they have copies of your health care documents.

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Hurricane Sales Tax Holiday Starts May 29



June 1 kicks off hurricane season (although Arthur, the first named storm, made an early appearance). Florida's disaster preparedness sales tax holiday is slated for May 29 through June 4. If an item qualifies, you'll get the tax break whether you purchase the item in-store or online.

[Learn more](#)

Some Nursing Homes Snatch Residents' Stimulus Checks

Some nursing home residents who are getting Medicaid benefits are also getting stimulus checks - and the nursing home is taking them. This is not legal. Here's what you should do if this happens to you or to your loved one.

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New Website Coming Soon

The Karp Law Firm's new [website](#) will launch in a few days. It will feature the same content as the existing site, but will be easier to read on mobile devices. The new site is also home to our Florida estate planning and elder law blog.

Medicare Cuts Some Slack For Unemployed Seniors

If you're a senior who has lost your job due to the pandemic and now need to sign up for Medicare coverage, Uncle Sam is giving you extra time to apply.

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Put Estate Planning On Your Wedding Guest List



June is the traditional month for weddings. This year, many weddings are going virtual. Virtual or not, aspects of your legal status change the moment you say "I do." That's why your preparations should include revisiting or creating your estate plan, reviewing beneficiary designations, etc.

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Is Your College Student Entitled To A Refund?

If you have a college-age child, chances are he/she is attending or has attended online classes due to the coronavirus. Arguing that online classes are inferior to in-person instruction, and that they have not used on-campus services this semester, students and parents across the country are seeking - and in some cases suing for - refunds from universities.

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Must You Return A Deceased Person's Stimulus Money?

Some of our clients report receiving stimulus funds for deceased family members. Now, the IRS has issued its final rule: You must return it, and must follow specific instructions for doing so.

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Tax Time Closing In



July 15 is the deadline this year for filing your federal income taxes. Our law firm's Certified Public Accountant, Rebecca Maglio, can be retained to assist you with your tax return. Call her at 561-472-6066,

or email rmaglio@karplaw.com

The Census, From A Safe Distance

U.S. marshals rode horseback to collect data for the very first census in 1790. We haven't missed a scheduled census since, and we won't this year, either. This is the first year that you can respond online - a fortunate coincidence given concerns about the pandemic.

[Online census questionnaire](#)

How To Be A Fabulous Virtual Grandparent

Many Floridians know all about grandparenting kids from afar. For others, it's a new experience. Here's some advice on how to be a fabulous grandmother or grandfather, virtually.

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How To Say No When Your Doctor Requests Your Social Security Number



We've all been there: Your doctor's office wants your Social Security number. You prefer not to provide it. You tell them so. They insist. From *Consumer Reports*, suggestions on how to say no.

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