



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

### Message From Our Attorneys

Happy Independence Day! We are now one month into official hurricane season, and storm names are lined up and ready to go: Alberto (he arrived early!), Beryl, Chris, Debby, Ernesto, Florence, Gordon, Helene, Isaac, Joyce, Kirk, Leslie, Michael, Nadine, Oscar, Patty, Rafael, Sara, Tony, Valerie, and William. *Let's hope we don't make it too far into the alphabet!*

When the practice of naming storms began in 1953, female names were used exclusively. Feminists objected to being associated with bad weather, at one point suggesting replacing the word "hurricane" with "himicane." That proposal never took off, but in 1979 male names were finally added to the roster. *Voila:* hurricane gender equality!

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



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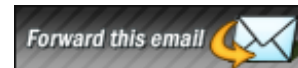
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## **Free Workshops**

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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## **Senior Safe Act Seeks to Deter Financial Abuse**



Staff at banks and other financial institutions are often the first to detect something fishy going on with a senior's account. A new federal law encourages personnel to report their suspicions.

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## **Attorney Joseph Karp Gets Legal Elite Award**

He's done it again! For the ninth consecutive year, Attorney Joseph Karp has been recognized as one of Florida's "Legal Elite."

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## **Medicaid Rules Change, Again**

Medicaid requirements for long-term care benefits change frequently. That is one of several reasons families seeking to protect assets from nursing home costs should consult a certified elder law attorney.

Going it alone can be a costly mistake.

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### **Plan Estate Carefully If Beneficiary Has A Drug Problem**

Leaving an inheritance outright to someone with a substance abuse problem is like giving matches to an arsonist. The recent death of Matthew Mellon, scion of the wealthy banking family, demonstrates why a beneficiary with an addiction problem requires special consideration in your estate plan.

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### **Karp Law Firm Sponsors Alzheimer's Educational Forum**

The Karp Law Firm was a co-sponsor of the May 12 Alzheimer's Educational Forum. Caregivers and professionals heard from speakers about the latest developments and our staff was on hand to answer attendees' questions.

[Photos](#)

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### **Does The Marvel Mogul Needs His Own Superhero?**



Spiderman. The Hulk. Cartoonist Stan Lee created a pantheon of superheroes ready to save people in danger. Now the 95-year-old Lee may need his own hero to rescue him from financial predators.

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### **CDC Recommends New Shingles Vaccine**

Shingrix is the newest edition of the shingles vaccine. It appears to be more effective than prior ones. The CDC is encouraging those over 50 to get vaccinated.

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## Should You Discuss Your Estate Plan With Your Children?

Clients often often ask us this question. It's a touchy issue, and the answer for one family may not work for another. Listen to Attorney Joe Karp discuss the ins and outs of this issue in his latest radio interview.

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## Advice for Younger Couples

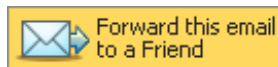
Estate planning is not just for older people with lots of money! Younger people must make sure their health care and financial decisions can be made by someone they trust, and if the worst happens, that their assets end up in the right hands.

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## Extra Help Available At Airport Screening

Getting through airport security is arduous for everyone, more so if you have a disability or medical condition. TSA has a toll-free number that you can call 72 hours in advance of your flight to discuss any special accommodations you may need. Call 855-787-2227, 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. weekdays; 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. weekends and holidays (eastern time).



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