Florida Estate Planning & Elder Law E-Newsletter
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Wishing everyone a terrific July 4th!

Update On Office Re-opening

Our plan to physically re-open in July is postponed due to the recent surge in coronavirus cases. Our first priority is everyone's safety. We continue to monitor the situation and will announce the new date in our newsletter and on our website.

But remember: We are here for you now, so don't procrastinate! This pandemic makes it clear that you must have your affairs in order. Don't wait for the "second wave," which may be worse than the first. We have helped hundreds of clients since mid-March via phone, face time and zoom, and conducted safe, curbside signings. Whether you seek a first-time consultation or you are an established client, reach out and we can meet your needs.

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

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Get Your Mail-In Ballot For The Upcoming Elections

Uncertainty is stalking the upcoming elections. Will coronavirus fears keep voters home? Will a shortage of poll workers shut down polling places? Make sure you can participate by securing your mail-in ballot. Click on your county below for information and sign up. Th e primary election is Aug. 18, just a few weeks away. The general election is Nov. 3.

Palm Beach	Martin	St. Lucie	Broward
Okeechobee	Indian River	Miami-Dade	Others

Unmarried Partners: Plan For Yourself And Each Other

From knowing you can continue to live in your shared home after one of you passes away, to visiting one another in the hospital: As an unmarried couple, you have none of the rights Florida gives your

married counterparts. To protect yourself and one another, you must establish the appropriate legal plans.
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IRS Extends Deadline To Reverse 2020 RMD's

Did you withdraw your 2020 Required Minimum Distribution prior to passage of the law that waived them? Here is good news: The IRS is giving you additional time to roll back the funds.
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Attorney Joseph Karp Again Named "Legal Elite"

Congratulations to our firm's founder, Attorney Joseph Karp. He has again been named one of Florida's "Legal Elite" by *Florida Trend* magazine. Only 1.4% of active Florida Bar members received the 2020 award, which is based on stellar peer reviews.

Another Go At Reining In Abusive Guardians

Inspired by a recent appalling case of guardianship abuse, Florida now requires stricter oversight of court-appointed guardians. The new law should help protect vulnerable seniors - but the best protection of all is making plans so that you never fall into the guardianship system.
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We Are Relocating Our Port St. Lucie Office

In mid-July we are moving our Port St. Lucie office to the "W Executive Suites" building, 1860 SW Fountainview Blvd., Suite 100, Port St. Lucie, FL 34986. This is just east of I-95 and south of St. Lucie West Boulevard. **Map**

How's Your Home Insurance?

With hurricane season upon us, this is a good time to review your home insurance policy. Many people, Florida newcomers especially, do not fully understand their coverage limits or the importance of flood insurance.

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Stuck Out-of-State Because Of Virus Lockdowns?

Some Florida residents were stranded out of state when the coronavirus lockdowns began. Will this impact your tax status if you're an ex-New Yorker who exceeded the 183-day maximum stay there?

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Visit The Karp Law Firm's New Website

Our new web site is up and running. It is now home to our blog. It also includes a link to LawPay, where you can make secure payments by check or credit card. Check out the new site **here.**

Cancelled Cruises: What Are You Entitled To?

The Cruise Line International Association has announced that major cruise lines departing from U.S. ports will not resume operations until September 15th at the earliest. Passengers of cancelled cruises have gotten conflicting information about compensation, vouchers, etc. Here's a helpful summary.

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IRS Gives More People Access To CARES Tax Breaks

The recent CARES Act makes it easier for those adversely affected by the pandemic to borrow and take distributions from their retirement accounts. A recent IRS ruling extends these options to more people.

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Missing The Grandkids

When you're accustomed to getting together with your young grandchildren, a call or computer connection can seem like a poor substitute. But that's what millions of grandmas and grandpas are doing these days.

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Back-To-School Sales Tax Holiday

Florida public schools are set to reopen next month, but the planned opening is bedeviled by the same uncertainties that surround the upcoming election. One thing is certain: the state's back-to-school sales tax holiday will take place from August 7 through August 9.

More information

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