

## Florida Estate Planning & Elder Law E-Newsletter February 2021

The vaccines are arriving. Yes, the rollout is slower than we'd like, and signing up has been frustrating. A return to pre-Covid life seems closer, but still so far. We have to hang on a while longer!

The Karp Law Firm has been fortunate during the pandemic. Thanks to our dedicated team, and technology that allows us to work remotely and seamlessly, we haven't missed a single day of assisting clients! Whether you are thinking of getting in touch with us for the first time or you are a longstanding client, do not hesitate to contact us!



Happy Valentine's Day!

All the best,  
*The Attorneys & Staff of The  
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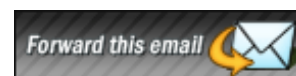
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### **Medicaid Eligibility Rules Change**



Three key requirements for Florida Medicaid nursing home benefits changed on January 1. There are many caveats to the rules, however. With guidance from our attorneys, even someone who does not appear eligible may still qualify for benefits.

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### **Inherited Too Much "Stuff" From Your Parents?**

The typical millennial has little space or desire to collect "stuff." If you've inherited a lot of items from your parents, you probably want to hang on to cherished sentimental items, but not much more. The author of *Inheriting Clutter* suggests how to sort it out.

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### **Required Minimum Distributions Return This Year**

RMD's were waived last year. This year, it's back to standard operating procedure. You must take withdrawals in 2021 or pay a hefty penalty. There are additional changes on tap for the following year, too - but don't worry, it's good news.

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### **From Victimizer to Victim**

Burton Pugach engineered a brutal attack on



the woman he claimed to love, permanently blinding her. But in his waning days, the tables turned: Pugach became the victim, allegedly abused by his caregiver and duped into leaving her his entire estate.

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### **The Karp Law Firm Helps Homeless**

Our attorneys and staff recently donated toiletries and other personal items to the Homeless Coalition of Palm Beach County. The charity drive was coordinated by the eighth grade students at North Palm Beach's Conservatory School and the North Palm Beach Library. We appreciate their work and we were thrilled to help out.

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### **IRS Delays Filing Start Date**

Early bird tax filers will have to wait a while longer to catch that worm this year. The IRS will begin accepting and processing returns on February 12, giving the agency more time to sync systems with recent tax code changes. The deadline date remains the same, though: April 15. Also, a reminder that The Karp Law Firm's Certified Public Accountant, Rebecca Maglio, may be retained to assist you with your income tax returns. Call her at (561) 472-6066 or email [rmaglio@karplaw.com](mailto:rmaglio@karplaw.com).

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### **Beware Vaccine Scams**



The coronavirus vaccine is "available" to Florida residents age 65 and over, but that's cold comfort for millions still struggling to secure an appointment for the shot. Don't fall prey to scammers cashing in on the confusion.

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### **Homestead Exemption Deadline Looms**

If you are applying for the Florida homestead exemption for the first time, your application must be received by your county's property appraiser by March 1.

### Is Your Car Recalled?

There are 3.5 million vehicles on recall in Florida for defective Takata airbags. You can check online to determine if your car has been recalled for this or another reason. You'll need your Vehicle Identification number (the 17-digits posted on the driver's side where window and dashboard meet).

[Check your car's recall status](#)

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### Covid Can't Conquer These Cookies



Girl Scout cookie cravers don't have to go without this cookie season. There are new ways to safely get your favorites (and try the new *Toast-Yay*, making its 2021 debut).

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