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Our country has certainly made progress in the COVID battle. But the light we've seen at the end of the COVID tunnel just got a little bit dimmer - hopefully, just temporarily. As this newsletter is written, the Delta coronavirus variant is hitting Florida, and hard. There is talk of providing booster vaccines, particularly for older people.

Our office is diligently monitoring CDC guidelines. We will adapt in-person office visit protocols as needed to ensure everyone's safety. Throughout this saga, the health of clients and staff has been our first priority. It still is.

We will let you know about any changes in office policies in our e-newsletters, on our [website](#) and on our social media channels. Please do not hesitate to call or email if you have any questions. We are here for you!

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



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Answer These 4 Questions Before Giving a Life Estate To Your Significant Other



Giving your significant other a life estate in your home ensures your partner can remain there if he/she outlives you. But beware: not all life estates are equal. Here are four questions you must answer as you make plans.

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The Boars Head Boondoggle: Put It In Writing!

According to her nephew, the late heir to the Boars Head deli meat company wanted millions to go to her favorite charities. She didn't put it in writing, though. Predictably, a legal battle has erupted over her estate.

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Jonathan Karp Hosts Alzheimer's Fundraiser



Attorney Jonathan Karp, Community Engagement Chair for the Walk to End Alzheimer's, hosted a recent happy hour fundraiser. Thanks to Twisted Trunk in Palm Beach Gardens and Blue Water Taco Company in Jupiter for the food and beverages.

[See photos](#)

Florida School Sales Tax Holiday Arrives

Parents, a reminder that from Saturday, July 31 to Monday, August 9, you can purchase school supplies for your kids free of Florida sales tax. Click below to see what items are exempt.

[More information](#)

New Medicaid Eligibility Numbers



In 2020, the annual median cost for a private room at a Florida nursing home reached a nest egg-shattering \$117,804. No wonder desperate middle class families turn to us for advice about securing Medicaid benefits. Effective July 1, Florida Medicaid changed

some eligibility criteria.

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New Ways to Block Robocalls

It is illegal for any person or entity to make robocalls to cell phone numbers without the recipient's consent. Of course, you wouldn't know that from the volume of robocalls most of us receive. From *Consumer Reports*, the latest technologies available to block more of those annoying calls.

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Hefty Social Security Raise Coming Your Way In 2022



Your Social Security cost of living adjustment is expected to be substantial in 2022, following many years of stingy raises. Still, critics say your payments will keep pace with inflation only if the agency changes the way it calculates the cost of living.

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Roadblocks Continue for New Alzheimer's Drug

Understandably, many patients are eager to try Biogen's new Alzheimer's drug, approved by the FDA amidst continuing controversy. But Medicare has not yet decided if it will cover it, and several reputable medical institutions won't prescribe it right now.

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