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The past 20 months have been challenging. Joys have been accompanied by the uncertainty wrought by the continuing pandemic. Some of us have been navigating other personal, painful challenges. You may be celebrating, or struggling, or both at this time of year. Whatever your situation, we are thinking of you fondly and wishing you lots of hope, health and happiness.

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



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Our Holiday Schedule

Our offices will be closed on Friday, December 24 and will reopen on Monday, January 3. If you have an emergency during this period, please call (561) 625-1100 and leave a message. We will check phone messages periodically and will return your call as soon as possible.

Holiday How-To: Helping Older Loved Ones



Many of us will visit aging parents, grandparents or other relatives in their homes this holiday season. In your enthusiasm to care for loved ones, it's tempting to overstep. How to offer suggestions diplomatically, and what to look for during your visit.

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Don't Put These Items In Your Safe Deposit Box

Your safe deposit box is the most secure place for certain valuables. But some items, including your original estate planning documents, do not belong there.

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Your 2022 Medicare Premiums & Deductibles



Medicare has released next year's Part A and B premiums, deductibles and co-insurance, and Part D monthly adjustments. Uncertainty regarding coverage for the pricey Alzheimer's drug Aduhelm is partly responsible for the big hike in Part B premiums.

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Library Lottery A Success

Thank you to everyone who purchased tickets for the Friends of The North Palm Beach Library raffle. The organization raised over \$500, and raised the winner's spirits, too: she claims that until now, she never won anything!

Karp Law Firm At Alzheimer's Walk



The 2021 Walk to End Alzheimer's took place on October 23 in West Palm Beach. Attorney Jonathan Karp served as the Alzheimer's Association Community Engagement Chair. Thank you to all who donated and all who walked, in person or virtually.

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All About At-Home COVID Tests

At-home COVID tests can reveal if a person is contagious and help check the spread of infection. Unfortunately, the tests are neither cheap nor widely available. *The New York Times* provides guidance.

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Can You Cut Your Spouse Out Of Your Estate?



Under Florida law, a spouse is entitled to a portion of the deceased spouse's estate. It does not matter if a divorce was pending at time of death. Here is what happened when the late frontman for *The Cars* rock band tried detouring around a similar law in New York.

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Keep The Kids Safe: Avoid These Troublesome Toys

Supply chain woes may make it difficult to find the "hot toys" the kids and grandkids are clamoring for this year. Of course, the most important thing is making sure that whatever you purchase them is safe.. The U.S. Public Interest Research Group has just released its 2021 report, "Trouble in Toyland," with tips on how to identify safe toys.

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Snowbirds, Are Your Estate Planning Documents In Order?

Florida residents who spent the summer up north have flocked back to our area. Here's what Snowbirds must do to make sure their estate planning documents pass muster in Florida.



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Thank You For Your Referrals

We appreciate whenever you refer a client to us. We can't think of a bigger compliment or a stronger vote of confidence!

Beware "Smishing"



No, that's not a typo: "Smishing" refers to scam robotexts delivered to mobile phones. Robokiller, a call blocking app, estimates that 7.9 billion scam texts were sent to Americans in Sept. 2019 alone.

[How to protect yourself](#)

Contact Us For All Your Legal Needs!

We urge you to contact The Karp Law Firm for all your legal needs. If your issue is one our firm does not deal with, we will do our best to direct you to someone who can help. Call (561) 625-1100 or email us at klf@karplaw.com

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