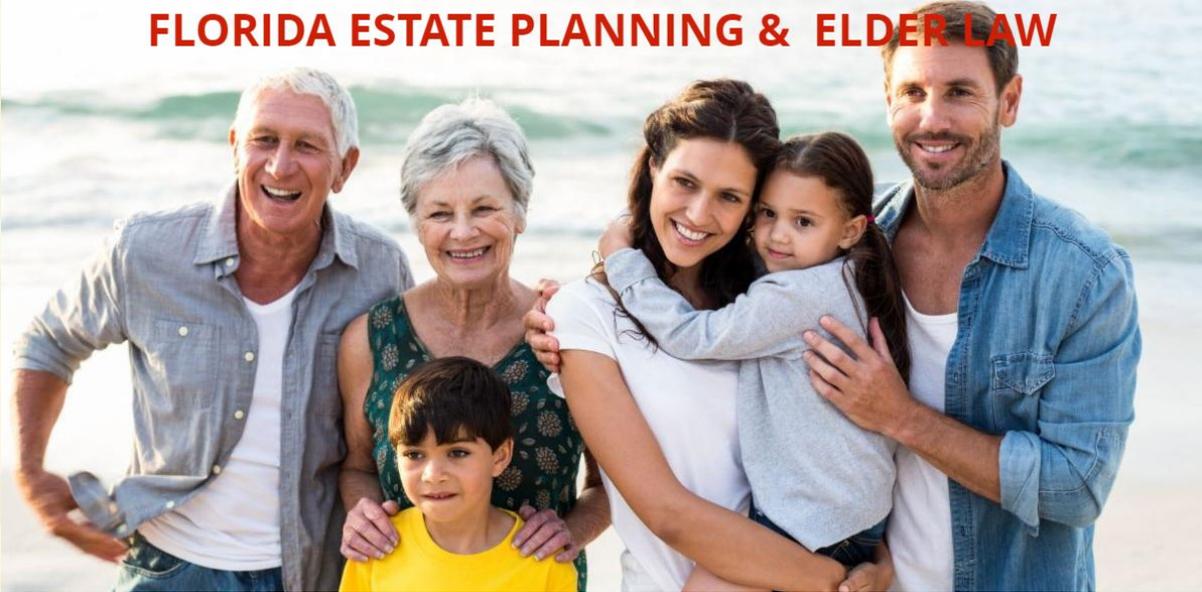




FLORIDA ESTATE PLANNING & ELDER LAW



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The safety of clients and staff has been our number one priority during the pandemic. According to the CDC, current trends nationwide are encouraging. However, the agency still lists Palm Beach and St. Lucie counties as "medium" transmission areas, meaning that masks remain recommended for indoor settings. [Read CDC data here](#). Therefore, we continue to ask visitors to our offices to wear masks. Let's keep our fingers crossed that covid fades quickly in our area so we can discard the mask requirement. We will keep you updated.

Hoping all of you enjoy the luck of the Irish this month, and all year!

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





Three Provisions Unmarried Couples Should Have In Their Estate Plans



Even if you enjoy a longstanding and loving relationship with your partner, Florida law gives you none of the protections, privileges and inheritance rights it gives married couples. Here is how unmarried partners can take matters into their own hands to protect themselves and one another.

[Read more](#)

You Can Now Appeal Hospital "Observation" Status

If you need skilled nursing rehabilitation following a hospital stay, Medicare will not cover the cost if the hospital considered you to be an observation patient. You had to pay from your own pocket, and had no recourse - until now.

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CPA Can Help With Tax Returns

Another new year, another income tax deadline. Rebecca Maglio, The Karp Law Firm's Certified Public Accountant, can be retained to assist with your returns. Reach her by [email](#) or call (561) 472-6066.

ABLE Account Annual Contribution Limit Rises

An ABLE saving account is a great tool for certain individuals with disabilities, allowing them to receive federal benefits without completely impoverishing themselves. On January 1, the annual contribution limit increased.

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Tips For Dealing With Siblings When Your Parent Needs Care

Caring for an elderly parent can strengthen or strain relationships among adult children. From *US News & World Report*, tips on how siblings can work together and minimize conflict.

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Death Taxes: Probably Not What You Think



You have probably heard the term "death taxes," but just what are they? Who pays - you or your heirs? We cut through the misinformation so you can prepare to minimize any tax bite.

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Locating Lost Life Insurance Policies

Every year millions of dollars in life insurance benefits go unclaimed. Sometimes beneficiaries don't know the policies exist or can't find the necessary paperwork. If you think your deceased loved one might have had a life insurance policy, try hunting it down through the National Association of Life Insurance Commissioners.

[Policy locator](#)

Free National Consumer Protection Week Programs

The Federal Trade Commission reports that consumers lost \$5.8 billion to fraud last year. During National Consumer Protection Week, March 6-12, you'll find several programs locally and online to educate you about the latest scams and how to stay safe. Here are three that caught our eye:

"Phoney Baloney," a documentary followed by a presentation from local law enforcement. Kane Center, March 9. [Info.](#)

Zoom program on recovering if you are a victim of fraud. AARP and Better Business Bureau, March 10. [Info.](#)

For 20-something specifically, interactive program on avoiding cryptocurrency scams. Federal Trade Commission. March 9. [Info.](#)

New VA Portal Answers Your Questions

The Veterans Administration has introduced a



new, one-stop portal through which you can ask any questions about any services and any type of benefits.

[Click here.](#)

Social Security Field Offices To Reopen

Social Security field offices have been shuttered for most types of in-person assistance since 2020. They are set to re-open by the end of March, assuming agreement is reached with the union.

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