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**Social Security Offices Re-Open**

The 1,200 Social Security Field Offices shuttered since 2020 reopened April 7, but not without glitches. Lines are reportedly long and a new phone system is still unreliable. Your best bet is to use the agency's [online portal](#). If you do visit in person, you are still required to wear a mask.

### [Field office locator](#)

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## **Common Pot Trust: Not Equal... But Fair**



If you are not around to raise your minor children, your estate plan should do exactly what you would do in life: Provide for the unique needs of each child as he/she grows. Splitting everything equally does not necessarily accomplish that. A better strategy is to create a Common Pot Trust.

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## **Hello Medicare, Goodbye Health Savings Account**

Once you enroll in Medicare, you may no longer contribute to your health savings account. The Health Savings For Seniors Act, currently making its way through Congress, would change that.

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## **Florida Wants To Curb Predatory Guardianships**



A good estate plan will include provisions to keep you from falling into Florida's court-ordered guardianship system. Intended to protect the vulnerable, the system allows too many unethical guardians to slip through the cracks. Here are the state task force's recommended reforms.

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## **Serious Delays Plaguing Probate Court**

Many clients establish Living Trusts in order to spare their loved ones the delays of probate. Lately, delays have gotten worse. Staff shortages mean it now takes weeks for the court in Palm Beach County to even process an application for a probate proceeding, creating hardships for families.

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## FDIC Rules For Trusts Get A Makeover

Confused by FDIC rules for insurance coverage of trust deposits? You are not alone. Simplified rules are coming in 2024.

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## Shout Out To Jennifer Hammond



Kudos to Jennifer Hammond, Legal Assistant. Ms. Hammond participated in the 8th annual *Running for Heroes* event on April 23 in Riverbend Park, raising funds for the Wounded Veterans Relief Fund. This is the third consecutive year she has participated. To learn more about the organization, [click here](#).

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## What To Expect When You Meet With Us

May is National Elder Law Month. Clients of our firm are a diverse group in both age and needs. Read about the services our attorneys offer, and what you can expect from your first consultation.

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## 147 Years Old!



We occasionally tell you about the amazing achievements of people of advanced age. Here is another amazing story - of the *canine* variety. Meet the world's oldest living dog at age 147 (in human years, or course). He lives right here in Palm Beach County!

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## Alzheimer's Educational Conference May 18

The Karp Law Firm will be at the Alzheimer's Community Care Educational Conference on May 18 at PGA National Resort. Dr. Marc Agronin, geriatric psychiatrist, and Dr. Stuart Zola, neuroscientist, are

featured speakers. The conference is open to both professional and family caregivers. Please stop by and say hello!

### [More information](#)

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