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Joseph Karp, Jonathan Karp Named SuperLawyers



We are pleased to announce that Attorneys Joseph Karp and Jonathan Karp have been named 2022 SuperLawyers.

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Sales Tax Holidays

The 2022 Florida Back-To-School Sales Tax Holiday kicks off July 25 and runs through August 7. During this time period you may purchase many school supplies, including computers of \$1,500 or less, free of sales tax. [Details.](#)

Also, children's diapers, and apparel for children 5 and younger are sales tax-free for a full year, beginning July 1, 2022 and through June 30, 2023. [Details.](#)

Medicaid MMMNA Increases



Medicaid rules are always changing. Beginning July 1, an applicant for Medicaid nursing home benefits may divert more income to his/her well spouse if the spouse's income falls below a certain level.

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Voting Deadlines Approaching

The elections are fast approaching, with national and state seats up for grabs. August 23 is the primary election and November 8 is the general election, but you will need to act sooner to request a mail-in ballot.

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Another Guardianship Horror Story

Protecting yourself against court-ordered guardianship is a fundamental pillar of sound estate planning. To understand why, look no further than the numerous



cases of guardianships gone very, very wrong. Here is yet another unfortunate example.

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New Condo Inspection Law

In hopes of preventing another Surfside tragedy, Florida is now requiring "milestone inspections" for condos 30 years and older with 3 or more stories. The new law is a win for safety advocates. Condo boards will need to budget for the periodic inspections, which can be pricey.

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529 Plan No Longer Counts Against Grandchild's Financial Aid



In addition to being exempt from estate tax, starting in 2024-2025 your 529 plan will no longer count against your beneficiary's eligibility for federal financial aid. However, the funds will still be considered your asset if you ever apply for Medicaid benefits.

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Same Sex Marriage: Is Roe Reversal An Omen?



In a committed same-sex relationship but not married? According to some legal thinking, the Supreme Court's recent Roe decision might prevent your ability to marry in the future. For your protection and your partner's, it is important to establish a thoughtful estate plan.

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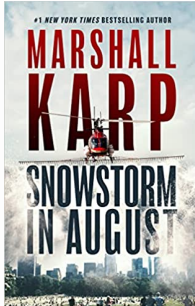
Children: Priceless...and Expensive!

Small wonder so many estate planning clients want to assist their kids

and grandkids: According to a recent report, it costs \$286,000 for the average middle class family to raise a child to age 17, up from \$244,610 in 2015.

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Marshall Karp's Newest Thriller



Marshall Karp is a *NY Times* bestselling author. He also happens to be Attorney Joseph Karp's brother. Marshall's latest crime thriller, *Snowstorm in August*, was just released and is getting great reviews.

[More information and video](#)

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