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Living in South Florida means no shoveling snow in January. It also means coping with blazing summer heat (something it appears the entire world now must learn). [Check out these tips from the CDC on avoiding heat-related illness.](#) Stay safe!

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

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"Mom Wants To Change Her Will"

When a relative or friend accompanies you to your consultation, we must always meet with you first, alone. Please, don't anyone be insulted! This is a deterrent against anyone claiming you were subjected to "undue influence" when you created your estate plan. Here is an article that illustrates why this step is so important.

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A Facelift For Your 401K Statement

Your next 401K statement will look a little bit different. The Secure Act now requires statements to include a "lifetime income illustration" that provides a rough idea of monthly income at retirement.

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"Oh My God I'm Getting Older And So Is My Mom"



Attorneys Joseph Karp and Jonathan Karp talked about the sometimes surprising ways that life and law converge on the July 18 broadcast of "Oh My God I'm Getting Older And So Is My Mom." Listen to the father-son duo's lively discussion with host Scott Greenberg.

[Listen to the show](#)

What Is A Qualified Income Trust?

To qualify for Medicaid nursing home benefits, an applicant's income cannot exceed a certain cap. But even if it does, it's not necessarily a dealbreaker. There is a solution: a Qualified Income Trust.

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Older Medical Alert Systems Need Your Attention

Cellular carriers are converting their networks to 5G. Some have completed the conversion; others, including Verizon, are still in the process. The conversion impacts not just phones: older medical alert systems such as heart monitors and fall detection systems may also be affected. If you or your loved one rely on such a medical device, you should contact the manufacturer to see if it needs updating.

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Missed the Filing Deadline for Portability?



The IRS just extended the filing deadline for claiming portability. Claiming estate tax exemption portability is a prudent step for many surviving spouses. It could translate into significant tax savings for your heirs. Find out more about portability and estate taxes on this blog post.

[Learn more](#)

Buy Impact Windows, Doors Without Sales Tax

Florida's "house hardening" sales tax holiday began July 1. It runs for two years, through June 30, 2024. If you've been considering adding impact doors or windows to your home, now is a good time to do it.

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Social Security COLA Will Be Big, But...



Everyone's paying more for everything these days. To keep up with inflation, the next Social Security Cost of Living Adjustment will be big. But for many seniors, probably not big enough.

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Revised Ratings System for Nursing Homes

If your loved one is at the point of needing long-term nursing care, you are no doubt facing many practical and emotional challenges. Chances are you will consult the [Medicare Compare website](#) to check out facilities. Two new factors were just added to the Medicare ranking system: weekend staffing levels, and staff turnover.

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