



FLORIDA ESTATE PLANNING & ELDER LAW



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Just when we thought we had come through hurricane season unscathed, along came Ian. The devastating storm is a humbling lesson on why hoping for the best must always be accompanied by preparing for the worst.

The people affected by the storm in Florida and Puerto Rico need our help. The Karp Law Firm is donating to Red Cross relief efforts in Puerto Rico, and to the World Central Kitchen, which is feeding first responders in Florida. Thank you to Estate Administration Paralegal Janet Suarez for researching disaster relief efforts. If you would like to help, click on the links below:

[Red Cross](#)
[World Central Kitchen](#)
[All Hands and Heart](#)

Also, [Big Dog Ranch Rescue](#) in Loxahatchee has been helping to rescue animals on Florida's west coast. They could use linens, tarps and other items.

Stay safe.

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



Who Do You Trust?



Has your bank or brokerage asked you for the name of a "trusted contact"? This is the person they will contact if something seems amiss with your account and you cannot be reached. You may name your agent under your durable power of attorney, but it is usually preferable to name someone else.

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About The New Covid Booster...

The CDC is recommending a new Covid booster to protect against the latest strains of the virus. The Pfizer booster is for ages 12 and up; Moderna, 18 and up. Because a surge in cases is expected this winter, some suggest it's wise to wait to get the vaccine, Others say the time is now.

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Medicare Open Enrollment Kicks Off October 15

It's that time of year again. If you are enrolled in original Medicare or a Medicare Advantage Plan, during this period you are allowed to make certain changes to your coverage. Unfortunately, it's also a busy season for scammers, so watch out!

[More information](#)

Anne Heche Died Without A Will



Like most people at age 53, actress Ann Heche didn't expect her life to be cut short. She did not have an estate plan. Now her grieving sons, 20 and 13, face a host of complications, conflicts, and expenses that could have been avoided.

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Waiting for the IRS to Clarify the 10-Year Rule

Have you inherited an IRA from a non-spouse? Under the 2019 SECURE Act, you must deplete the account within 10 years or face penalties. Unfortunately, ambiguities in the rule have beneficiaries and scratching their heads over how to comply.

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Our Firm Sponsors Thanksgiving Raffle

We are again sponsoring the North Palm Beach Library's Thanksgiving raffle. Tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5, and get you the chance to win a \$100 Publix gift card. Tickets can be purchased at the library, 303 Anchorage Drive. Proceeds benefits Friends of the Library. The winner will be drawn November 18.

Protect Your Precious Pet



Every year, millions of animals end up in shelters because their owners pass away or become incapacitated. Most do not find new homes. Don't let this happen to your pet! Arrange for Fluffy and Fido's future care with a Pet Trust from The Karp Law Firm.

[Learn more](#)

Helpful Guidelines For Downsizing

Downsizing your home can be stressful. You will be sorting through a lifetime of possessions and making choices about what to save, what to take with you, and what to do with the rest. Check out these guidelines to help you through the process.

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Instructions On Using Your Flash Drive



If you are an estate planning client of The Karp Law Firm, you receive a flash drive from us, along with your printed documents. The drive has files that contain your scanned, signed documents. If you are new to using a flash drive device, check out the [instructions](#) on our website. (Shout out to employee Tina Menucci, our "hand model" in these photos!)

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 handle, 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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