



## FLORIDA ESTATE PLANNING & ELDER LAW



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Welcome to our first newsletter of 2023! We are sending it early to remind you that our offices are closed for vacation and will re-open on **Tuesday, Jan. 3**. If you are a client with an urgent issue needing immediate attention during this time, please call (561) 625-1100 and press 0 (zero) to leave a message in the general mailbox. (Do not leave urgent messages in staff mailboxes.) We are checking messages periodically and someone will get back to you.

All of us at The Karp Law Firm send you warm wishes for a peaceful, joyful new year. We look forward to continuing to assist you in 2023.

All the best,

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## We Are Nominated!

The Karp Law Firm has once again been nominated for

### Best Senior Law Firm

We would be honored to have your vote! To vote, [click here](#). Scroll down to "Services," then to "Senior Law." You can vote once daily through January 8. We appreciate your support!

## Free Covid Tests Again Available

The current Covid strain tends to produce milder symptoms than prior strains. However, serious cases are still occurring, and infection rates have soared since Thanksgiving. The trend is likely to continue as people attend holiday gatherings and spend more time indoors. In response, the government is once again distributing free home Covid tests.

Order your free test kits [here](#).

## Florida Medicaid Eligibility Criteria Change



The new year brings several changes to eligibility rules for Florida Medicaid nursing home benefits. There are new limits on applicant income, home equity, and spousal resources.

[Read more](#)

## Attorney Jonathan Karp Receives Award

Attorney Jonathan D. Karp has been included in the 2023 edition of Best Lawyers: One to Watch in America™. This is the second consecutive year Mr. Karp has received this honor recognizing professional excellence.

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## SECURE Act 2: Retirement Savers Get More Options



Congress passed the SECURE Act 2.0 on December 23, providing numerous opportunities for retirement savers of all ages. Roth 401(k)s will no longer have RMDs; the age for taking RMD's is again raised; larger catch-up contributions are permitted; penalties for missed RMD's are reduced, and much more. We cover these and other highlights

of the new law in our blog post.

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## New Social Security Website

The number of Social Security beneficiaries has increased by 20% since 2010, yet the agency's staff level is at its lowest point in 25 years. That means backlogs, unanswered phone calls, and widespread frustration. The agency is encouraging people to go online for faster service, and has updated its website to what it says is a more user-friendly format.

Check out the new Social Security website [here](#).

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## Aaron Carter Died Without A Will: Now What?



Pop star Aaron Carter did not heed his lawyer's advice to get a will. He passed away in November, leaving behind strained family relationships, financial problems, and unanswered questions about his wishes for the care of his one-year-old son.

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## Tax Time Is Approaching

We are heading into tax season. We remind you that our firm's Certified Public Accountant, Rebecca Maglio, may be retained to prepare your tax returns, whether or not you are a client of our firm. Ms. Maglio may be reached at (561) 472-6066 or via email at

## Thank You To Our Wonderful Staff



The Karp Law Firm staff made a generous holiday donation to Big Dog Ranch Rescue in honor of Joseph and Deborah Karp. Big Dog rescues and places homeless dogs; it is even working in the Ukraine. If you also love dogs and want to know more about Big Dog [click here](#). Adopt, don't shop!

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## 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](mailto:klf@karplaw.com)

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