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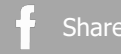
Happy Mother's Day

We wish you a very happy Mothers Day, Sunday, May 14.

This month also brings us Memorial Day on Monday, May 29. Although sales and shopping abound, the heart of the holiday remains honoring the men and women who died while defending our country. The annual National Memorial Day Concert recognizing these heroes will be held on the West Lawn of the Capitol on Sunday, May 28 at 8:00 p.m. You can live stream the concert [here](#).

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The long-term care insurance market is stabilizing, but some policyholders are still facing massive premium hikes. Try to retain your policy if possible, because the higher premium is a fraction of the cost of even a few months of long-term care. Here are some strategies that may allow you to keep your

premium affordable and keep your policy in force.

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Alzheimer's Educational Conference May 17

The Karp Law Firm will be at the Alzheimer's Community Care Educational Conference on Wednesday, May 17. Held at the Palm Beach Gardens Marriott from 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., the event is open to both caregivers and health professionals and will feature a number of speakers. The registration fee includes breakfast and lunch. Learn more and sign up [here](#).

COVID Boosters Now Available For Seniors

With cases, hospitalizations and deaths falling, federal health officials now refer to COVID as a public health *priority*, not a public health emergency. Nonetheless, it remains a particular threat for older people and the immunocompromised. The CDC recommends boosters for these groups.

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Jerry Lee Lewis, Still Shaking Things Up



Iconic rock n' roller Jerry Lee Lewis was known for his wild antics on stage and off, too. Even after he died, there was still a *Whole Lotta Shakin' Goin' On*: Lewis' flawed estate plan ignited a battle over who would inherit his Mississippi ranch.

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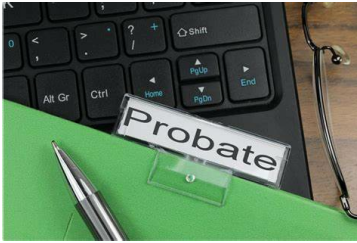
Retirement Age: Does the Old Rule Need Retiring?

For a very long time, 65 has been the magic number for retirement and Social Security benefits. But today, with many living longer and healthier lives, and fewer working physical demanding jobs, some

suggest that the 65 retirement age needs to be, well, retired.

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One Peril of Probate: Lack Of Privacy



Concern over probate's lack of privacy is one of several reasons many people make a living trust the centerpiece of their estate plan. Here are five potential intrusions and inconveniences that you will spare your loved ones by keeping your estate out of probate.

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Thank You For Your Patience

As reported in our last newsletter, our office is making the switch to a new software system. The inevitable kinks, thankfully few, are still being worked out. We appreciate your patience and understanding during this transition.

A Different Perspective on Decluttering!

We estate planners are always advising clients to declutter, so we found this article to be particularly interesting. In a departure from conventional wisdom, one daughter writes about the comfort she found going through her late mother's belongings.

[Read the article](#)

Update on Florida Drivers License Rules



The app that allows you to download your drivers license as a QR code to your smart phone is now available - but the program appears to be stuck in neutral. In other developments, the deadline for obtaining your Real ID, necessary to board commercial aircraft and enter federal buildings, has been pushed back once more.

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Beware "Juice Jacking"

Cyberthieves are a truly ingenious bunch. The FBI has issued a warning about "juice jacking," the theft of your data that can occur when you

charge your mobile device at a public charging station.

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Thank You For Your Referrals

We cannot conclude this newsletter without again telling you how much we appreciate your referrals! We cannot think of a bigger compliment. We want to thank you personally for your confidence, so please encourage the people you refer to us to mention your name!

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