

**FLORIDA ESTATE PLANNING & ELDER LAW**



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Father's Day is Sunday, June 18. The origins of the holiday are hazy, but we know that it became an official national holiday in 1972. Wishing a wonderful day to all the fathers, grandfathers, great-grandfathers, and all the father figures, too.

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

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**COLA Predictions for 2024**



Social Security beneficiaries welcomed last year's robust cost of living increase, the largest in four decades. Retirees appear poised to receive a far more modest COLA in 2024, assuming inflation continues to ease. Here are the current COLA predictions.

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**Medicare Covid Test Scam Continues**

Medicare coverage for free at-home Covid tests ended in May, but the Medicare Covid test scam is still going strong. Fraudsters get hold of Medicare numbers, send unrequested at-home tests to Medicare beneficiaries, then bill Medicare. You should report it if this happens to you.

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## Who Pays For Long-Term Nursing Care?



The cost of long-term nursing care now tops \$100,000 per year. Understandably, middle class families are stunned to learn that Medicare will not cover their loved one's nursing home bill. *Medicaid*, on the other hand, may. With help from our attorneys, families can frequently preserve a significant chunk of assets.

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## Stock Up On Stamps

Consider stocking up on Forever Stamps before July 9, when the price of a first-class stamp rises to 66 cents. Do not be tempted by "discounted" stamps advertised on social media sites; chances are they are counterfeit. Under a policy that went into effect May 2023, the post office is now discarding all mail sent with fake postage.

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## Estate Feud Focuses on Norman Rockwell Art



Norman Rockwell's illustrations often depict happy family gatherings. Ironically, his artwork has been the undoing of one family, now embroiled in an estate battle over its ownership. The intriguing story includes allegations that one family member tried to "hide" the work by having it on public display -- in the White House, of all places.

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## Keep Your Young Visitors Safe In The Water

Are you a Floridian expecting a visit from young grandchildren this summer? Spending time in the water with them is fun, but as the recent tragedy of linebacker Shaquil Barrett's toddler shows, adult eyes must be laser-focused on youngsters at all times. Here are tips for grandparents - and for anyone - to keep the little ones safe.

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## Alzheimer's Educational Conference, Social Worker Luncheons



The Karp Law Firm was on hand at several professional events this May, where we had the opportunity to meet with caregivers, caseworkers, social workers and other professionals.

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## Two Chances To Buy Tax-Free Hurricane Supplies

Here we go again! Hurricane season begins June 1. This year, Florida residents are getting two sales tax holidays, during which disaster supplies can be purchased sales tax-free. The first holiday started on May 27 and continues through June 9. The second holiday will be August 26 through September 8, just before the peak of hurricane season.

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