



FLORIDA ESTATE PLANNING & ELDER LAW



October 2023

We are almost at the end of hurricane season. It officially ends on November 1, with peak storm season beginning to wane around mid-October. But as with most things in life, you never know exactly what's in store. Here's hoping our luck holds out. Wishing everyone a happy Halloween!



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

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Who Is Your Child Under Florida Inheritance Laws?



Many modern families look nothing like the typical family of years past. High divorce and remarriage rates and even modern fertility medicine mean that families often include children who are not biologically related to their parents or grandparents. Knowing their inheritance rights is vital in order to create an estate plan that ensures your assets pass according to your wishes.

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Medicare Open Enrollment Begins Oct. 15

Medicare Open Enrollment begins October 15 and runs through December 7. During this period you can drop, switch or join a Medicare Advantage plan. If you are in original Medicare, you can also join a drug plan or switch drug plans.

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Attorney Karp Comments on State's Actions To Protect Homeowners



Joseph Karp played an important role in protecting Florida homeowners when he discovered that his elderly client had been scammed by MV Realty. He immediately alerted the Attorney General, which along with the Florida legislature has now taken

steps to protect homeowners from this scam. WPEC TV and the *Palm Beach Post* recently interviewed Attorney Karp about the case.

[View/read Attorney Karp's interviews](#)

Free Covid Test Kits Available Again

In light of the recent uptick in Covid cases, the Biden Administration is again distributing free Covid test kits. Here is how to get them and how to determine if any unused kits you have are still effective.

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Do Not Resuscitate Order? Important Considerations



Millions of TV viewers watched when Buffalo Bills safety Damar Hamlin was resuscitated after collapsing on the field. CPR saved his life, but for the elderly and frail, CPR can also inflict serious, irreversible physical injury. This is a critical consideration if you are weighing whether to sign a Do Not

Resuscitate Order for your loved one.

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Attorney Rachel Zetouni Returns



Our longtime clients will recognize Attorney Rachel Zetouni's name. After time away to raise her family, she has returned to The Karp Law Firm!

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Parent Plus Loan Payments Re-Start October 1

If you took out a Parent Plus loan to finance your child's college education, the three-year payback hiatus ends October 1. Even so, you may have some options for restructuring your loan. For example, some states offer accommodations for parents working in health care, teaching and other helping professions.

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Property Tax Benefits Can Be Transferred to New Homestead



Florida homeowners are sometimes reluctant to move to a new residence, fearful that it will cause their property taxes to increase dramatically. Even many seniors who want to move to a less expensive home may feel stuck. However, if your residence is your homestead property, you can soften the tax bite by transferring your current property tax benefits to your new home.

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Riding the Rails - All 21,400 Miles Of It

At 84, Nat Read does not lack for accomplishments or adventure: He

has been an author, stand-up comic, police officer, cartoonist. But it took until July of this year for the train buff to achieve a unique lifelong goal: Riding every mile of America's 21,400-mile Amtrak system.

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