



December 2023



All of us wish you a happy and healthy December. We will return in a few short weeks with our first newsletter of the new year!

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



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Holiday Hours

Our offices will be closed for the holidays starting Monday, December 25 and will re-open Tuesday, January 2. If you have an urgent issue requiring immediate attention, please phone (561) 625-1100, then press zero to leave a voice message. We will monitor messages periodically and return your call as soon as possible. Do not leave an urgent message for individual staff members; those messages will not be checked until we re-open.

Long-Term Care Planning: A Middle Class Necessity



The Karp Law Firm has helped thousands of middle class families make legal plans to avoid losing everything to nursing home costs. Do not delay making your plans! Find out why long-term care planning is now a middle class necessity in this *New York*

Times/Kaiser Health News feature, "Facing Financial Ruin as Costs Soar For Elder Care."

Read more

Check Up On Your Charity

Do you plan to make year-end charitable donations? Are you sure the organization you donate to is legitimate? Manages donations effectively? Find out at these websites that rate charities:

www.guidestar.org www.FDACS.gov/consumerservices www.charitynavigator.org

All World War II Vets Now Eligible for VA Health Care



The Veterans Administration has announced that all World War II veterans are now eligible for V.A. health care, without regard to financial status or disability rating. Some World War II veterans may also qualify for coverage of long-term nursing care expenses. The

policy changes are part of an expansion of veterans services mandated by the 2022 Cleland-Dole Act.

<u>Learn more</u>

Terrific Toys, Terrible Toys

'Tis the season when parents, grandparents and others purchase toys for the youngsters in their lives. Experts say you can't assume a toy is safe just because it's for sale. Check out these resources before you go toy shopping:

How to find safe toys for every age (American Academy of Pediatrics)

<u>Ten worst toys of 2023</u> (World Against Toys Causing Harm Inc.)

Largest U.S. Unclaimed Estate Still A Mystery



When an elderly Chicago recluse died in 2016 without a will or known heirs, his estate became the largest unclaimed estate in U.S. history. It kicked off a worldwide hunt for heirs and an ongoing mystery over how he accumulated his wealth. Now - seven years later - a will has turned

up, adding to the mystery.

Read more

Joe and Jon Karp Explain Why You Need Advance Directives



Elder law attorneys Joseph Karp and Jonathan Karp were the guests on *Oh My God I'm Getting Older And So Is My Mom*. They discussed a very important topic: how to make sure your loved ones are protected in the event you are incapacitated.

Listen

How To Create Strong Passwords

If you're suffering from password fatigue, you have plenty of company! But neither passwords or attempts to steal them are going away anytime soon. *Forbes* explains how to create passwords that are hard to hack.

Learn more

Concerned About An Aging Relative's Driving?

Visiting an older loved one for the holidays?



This is a good time to see if he/she can use some extra help. If you find yourself concerned about the person's driving, here are tips on how to best handle this extremely sensitive topic.

Read more

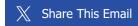
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