



FLORIDA ESTATE PLANNING & ELDER LAW



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Passover begins at sundown on Monday, April 22. Wishing all who celebrate a meaningful, joyous holiday.

All the best,
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Shred Stacks, Enjoy Snacks

Saturday, April 20

10:00 a.m. to 12 noon

**The Karp Law Firm's Palm Beach Gardens Office
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Drowning in paper after tax season? Bring those stacks to our Palm Beach Gardens office on Saturday, April 20 from 10:00 am to noon. We will have a mobile shredding truck on site to shred your documents while you're here, at no cost to you.

Help yourself to artisan baked goods and French pastries catered by Piknik Sandwich Shop of Palm Beach Gardens. Grab a cup of coffee and mingle with our attorneys and staff. Bring your friends, too!



Outdated Health Care Documents May Lead To Guardianship



Brian Wilson, the musical genius behind the Beach Boys, has suffered from mental health problems for decades. At 81, he now has dementia. His wife Melinda was his caregiver for years, but with no one named as her backup under his health care documents, her recent death left no one authorized to make his health care decisions. Wilson's family is asking the court to appoint conservators to coordinate his care.

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Reduced Real Estate Commissions May Be Coming

The era of the 5%-6% real estate commission may be a thing of the past, due to the settlement of a recent lawsuit by the National Association of Realtors. Though the implications of the lawsuit are not yet fully understood, it appears that both buyers and sellers will have more wiggle room to negotiate commission rates. Some predict reduced commissions may prompt many realtors to leave the industry.

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New Rule Hastens Pre-Authorization Decisions for Medicare Advantage Enrollees



Medicare Advantage enrollees who seek pre-authorization for medical treatments frequently encounter delays and ultimately, denials. Growing concern that insurance companies are prioritizing profits over patients has led to new regulations that are expected to speed up pre-authorization decisions and provide greater transparency.

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CDC Advises Updated Covid Booster For Those 65+

Age is a risk factor for Covid. Older people are more vulnerable, lose immunity faster, and tend to have poorer outcomes when they contract the disease. The CDC now recommends that people over 65 get an updated vaccine if it has been at least four months since the last one.

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Six Things Your Estate Plan Should Include If You Have Minor Children



It is uncomfortable to ponder a scenario in which you are not around to raise your children to adulthood. Even more uncomfortable is worrying about what would happen to them if you failed to make contingency plans. Here are six items that belong in your estate plan if you have minor children.

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Scout Moves In

The Meadowbrook Nursing Facility in Michigan has a new resident. We won't give away the story except to say this: If you like dogs, watch this video!

[Watch](#)

Need Help With Your Tax Return?



Rebecca Maglio, CPA, is available to help clients and non-clients with their tax returns. If you contact her at this late date, more than likely she will file an extension, but she may be able to tell you what you should pay now in order to avoid penalties. To inquire about retaining her services, call 561-472-6066 or email

rmaglio@karplaw.com.

Understanding Spouses' Social Security Benefits

The rules governing Social Security benefits are complex. Doubly so if you are married. Check out this article that explains the differences between spousal benefits and survivor's benefits.

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