



FLORIDA ESTATE PLANNING & ELDER LAW



May 2024



Mothers Day is Sunday, May 12. We wish all mothers, grandmothers, great-grandmothers and great-great-grandmothers a happy and fulfilling day. You deserve it!

Memorial Day follows on Monday, May 27. This is the national holiday that calls on us to remember and honor those who died while serving in the U.S. military. Our gratitude for their ultimate sacrifice must never fade.

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

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Have a Living Trust? You Need a Pourover Will, Too



A Living Trust offers several advantages over a Will, depending on your specific family and financial circumstances. But did you know that even if you have a Living Trust, you still need a Pourover Will as a contingency plan?

[Learn more](#)

Hurricane Season Nears: Get Supplies Sales Tax Free

Hurricane season returns June 1. Forecasters predict an active season with 23 named storms. Florida this year has two periods when disaster-related items may be purchased free of sales tax: The first is June 1 through June 14; the second is August 24 through September 6.

[List of eligible items](#) (List is valid for 2024, even though it says 2023).

A Happy Day At Stacks and Snacks!



Our Karp Law Firm Family gathered for a *Stacks and Snacks* event on April 20 at our Palm Beach Gardens office. Clients mingled with attorneys and staff, enjoyed pastries and coffee, and had their unneeded papers shredded, free of charge. Thanks to everyone who made the day successful and fun.

Even the weather cooperated!

[Photos](#)

When Will You Get Your Federal Tax Refund?

Congratulations if you are entitled to an income tax refund and it has already arrived. If you are still waiting, here is how to check the status of your refund.

[Read more](#)

Adele Harris at "Estate Planning Essentials" Event



Did you know that if you do not have your own estate plan, the state will create one for you - and you might not like what it has in mind? Attorney Adele Harris will participate in a panel discussion on this topic hosted by Aging With Grace, May 16 from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at the North Palm Beach Library. The event is free, and reservations are required.

[More information & reservations](#) (scroll down to select the May 16 presentation, "Estate Planning Essentials")

May is Elder Law Month

May is Elder Law Month. The National Elder Law Foundation established certification guidelines in 1993, with Florida following suit in 1998. Because it is a relatively new area of practice, many people are unaware of how an elder law attorney can help them and their families. We provide concrete examples of how we assist clients.

[Learn more](#)

It's A Felony To Fudge Facts On A Medicaid Application!



It is natural to feel desperate when facing down a \$100,000 annual bill for a loved one's nursing care. That can tempt some to fudge facts when applying for Medicaid benefits, but doing so is always a mistake: lying on an application or deliberately omitting information may constitute a felony.

[Read more](#)

Still No RMD Final Rules For Non-Spouses Inheriting IRAs

The SECURE Act passed in 2019 requires a non-spouse who inherits an Individual Retirement Account to deplete the account within ten years of the original owner's death. But just how withdrawals must be structured to comply with the requirement has been an ongoing source of confusion, even for tax professionals. As a result, the IRS is once again waiving penalties for non-spouses who failed to take RMDs this past year.

[Read more](#)

Rosie the Riveter Heroines Honored



"Rosie the Riveter" was the name given to millions of women who joined the workforce to help America win World War II. Their efforts were officially acknowledged with passage of the Rosie the Riveter Congressional Gold Medal Act of 2019, which bestowed a collective gold medal on these heroines. Nearly 30 Rosies, most in their 90s and one age 106, gathered in Washington on April 10 for a ceremony honoring their service.

[Watch video](#)

Alzheimer's Conference May 22

The Karp Law Firm will be at the Alzheimer's Community Care 25th Annual Education Conference, May 22 at the Palm Beach Gardens Marriott. This year's theme is "The Intersection of Health and Hope." Professionals and family caregivers may attend. Stop by our table and say hello!

[More information, registration](#)

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