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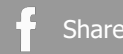


Wishing everyone a happy and healthy holiday season. We will be back in your inbox in just a few weeks with our first newsletter of the new year!

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 beginning Tuesday, December 24. We will re-open Thursday, January 2. If you have an urgent issue during this time, please call (561) 625-1100 and leave a voice message in the general mailbox. We will check messages periodically and will return your call as soon as possible. Do not leave urgent messages for staff members at their individual phone extensions; these messages will not be checked until we return on January 2.

Protected Assets When You Apply For Medicaid



Medicaid benefits can often save a family thousands of dollars that would otherwise be lost to long-term nursing home costs. Do not assume your loved one does not qualify for benefits because he/she, or spouse, has excessive assets; some assets are exempt for Medicaid purposes.

Also, with guidance from our attorneys, even non-exempt assets may not disqualify your loved one.

[Learn more](#)

Snowbirds, Call Us Early For Your Appointment

Are you a Florida resident and a Snowbird who wants to meet with us while you are here? Please call us well in advance of the date you return North! This will ensure that we have sufficient time for your appointment and can complete any work you may need done. Call (561) 625-1100.

Widow/Widower Homestead Exemption Now \$5,000



With property taxes skyrocketing, any savings is appreciated. Florida offers a Widow/Widower Homestead Exemption that can shave \$5,000 off your home's assessed value and reduce your property tax bill. We explain how the exemption works, who qualifies, and how to apply.

[Learn more](#)

Watch Out For Phone Scams

Scammers are a resourceful bunch. Now they are worming their way into our wallets through our cell phones. Consumer advocate Clark Howard reports on the most common scams to watch out for.

[Read more](#)

QCD: Do A Good Deed, Get A Tax Break



Do you still need to take this year's required minimum distribution from your IRA? Is there a charity close to your heart? If your answer to both is *yes*, you may want to take some or all of your distribution as a Qualified Charitable Distribution. You'll get the satisfaction of doing a good deed, and get a tax break too.

[Learn more](#)

NPR Wants To Hear From Caregivers

National Public Radio is preparing a story on how people are impacted when caring for a disabled adult. If you are a caregiver, the producers would like to hear about your experiences. Learn more and share your thoughts [here](#).

Where Medicare Advantage Falls Short



Medicare Advantage plans are popular, enrolling more than half of all Medicare beneficiaries. But your plan may not be so advantageous if you need post-acute care following a hospital stay, suggests a recent Senate report. Something to keep in mind as we approach the deadline for Open Enrollment on December 7.

[Read more](#)

Italian Festival Fun



Our attorneys and staff members enjoyed chatting with passersby at the Italian Fest on November 1-3 in downtown Abacoa. Thanks to everyone who stopped by our booth, and *congratulazioni* to our raffle winners!

[Photos](#)

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