



## FLORIDA ESTATE PLANNING & ELDER LAW



### February 2025

Punxsutawney Phil will exit his den on Groundhog Day, February 2, look for his shadow, and announce when spring will arrive. Let's take his forecast with a grain of salt, though: The National Oceanographic & Atmospheric Administration gives the groundhog's predictions an unimpressive 40% for accuracy.

One week later, football fans' predictions will be put to the test as the Philadelphia Eagles and Kansas City Chiefs square off at Superbowl 59 in New Orleans. No matter who you predict to win, enjoy the game!

All the best & happy Valentine's Day,  
*The Attorneys & Staff of The Karp Law Firm*

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To prevent "double dipping" into retirement funds, government workers have long been denied full Social Security benefits for income earned in private employment. If this is your situation, some good news: The Social Security Fairness Act will now provide you with benefits retroactive to 2024.

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## Don't Get Taken By Tech Support Scams

Tech support scams were the most frequently reported form of elder fraud in 2023, according to the FBI's Internet Crime Complaint Center. New rules from the Federal Trade Commission will help combat the problem, but the first line of defense is *you*. Here are steps you can take to protect yourself, your computer and your wallet.

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## Joseph Karp Named 2025 Preeminent Attorney



Joseph Karp, founder of The Karp Law Firm, has again been recognized by Martindale Hubbell for outstanding legal expertise and exemplary ethical conduct.

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## Help Preserve History: Become A Citizen Archivist

No longer taught in many states, cursive appears on its way to becoming a lost art. But if like most adults you have the skill, the National Archives wants your help to transcribe historic documents. You can volunteer for as little as half an hour per week.

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## Estate Tax Exemption, Annual Exclusion Increase



Both the federal estate tax exemption and the annual gift tax exclusion have increased in 2025. Always a contentious issue, the estate tax will likely be fiercely debated in Washington this year.

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## Snowbirds, Call Us Early For Your Appointment

Another reminder for Snowbirds: If you wish to meet with us, please call well ahead of your return date. This will ensure we can accommodate you and complete any needed work. Call (561) 625-1100.

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## Homestead Exemption Deadline for First-Time Filers



Florida's homestead exemption can significantly reduce your property tax. The application deadline this year for first-time filers is **March 3**. Other exemptions are available for which you may also qualify.

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## How to Celebrate Valentine's Day If Your Partner Is Cognitively Impaired

If your sweetheart is among the 4% of Americans over age 65 with some type of dementia, you can still enjoy Valentine's Day. The Alzheimer's Federation of America offers tips for simple activities you can share with your partner.

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## C.P.A. Rebecca Maglio Available For Tax Return Help



Certified Public Accountant Rebecca Maglio has been on The Karp Law Firm team for over two decades, assisting thousands of clients and non-clients with their tax returns. If you would like her help, call (561) 472-6066 or email [rmaglio@karplaw.com](mailto:rmaglio@karplaw.com).

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## Contact Us For All Your Legal Needs

We urge you to contact The Karp Law Firm for all your legal needs. If your issue is one our firm does not handle, we will do our best to direct you to someone who can help. Call (561) 625-1100 or [email us](#).

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