



## FLORIDA ESTATE PLANNING & ELDER LAW



### May 2025



Mother's Day is Sunday, May 11, when our thoughts turn to the mothers who have nurtured us, whether they are in our lives or just in our memories. As the saying goes: *Mothers hold their children's hands for a short while, but their hearts forever.*

Monday, May 26 is Memorial Day, saluting the heroes who made the ultimate sacrifice throughout our nation's 250-year history. The annual Memorial Day Concert will be held the night before in Washington, D.C., featuring tributes to the armed forces and a variety of military bands. Public Broadcasting will air the concert live on Saturday, May 25 starting at 8:00 p.m. Find your local PBS station [here](#).

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

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## Update On Social Security Phone Service



Last month we told you that the Social Security Administration planned to eliminate phone service for applicants. Following a massive public outcry, the plan was partially walked back. Nonetheless, communicating with the agency remains difficult for many claimants. We tell you the latest and what you can expect.

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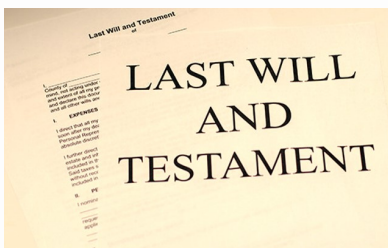
## Another Postage Stamp Increase Ahead

Another day, another postage hike. If the proposed increase is approved, on July 13 the price of a first-class stamp will jump from 73 cents to 78 cents. If you rely heavily on regular mail, this is a good time to stock up on forever stamps.

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## Father Challenges Will Of "American Pickers" Host



Do not procrastinate when it comes to creating your estate plan. Waiting until ill health strikes makes your plan more likely to be challenged and your final wishes disregarded. This is what is happening now to the estate of Frank Fritz, longtime co-host of *American Pickers*.

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## Real ID Deadline Is May 7, 2025

If you have not yet secured your *Real ID* drivers license or ID card, you'd better hurry. Starting May 7, you must show Real ID in order to board a commercial flight and enter federal buildings. Even if you already have Real ID, you need to re-apply if your name



has changed since issuance.

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## TV For People With Dementia

Regular television programs can be jarring for someone who has Alzheimer's Disease or another type of dementia. Two new streaming services offer programming that may be a better fit for someone under your care.

[Learn more](#) (*read transcript or listen*)

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## Middle Class Face Higher Long-Term Care Expenses



The 2024 Cost of Care Survey was recently released. The results are no surprise: Long-term care is extremely expensive, and the cost continues to climb. Check out the new numbers and learn what middle class families can do to avoid financial devastation.

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## May Is National Elder Law Month

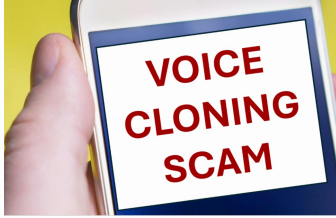
The American Bar Association recognized elder law as a field of practice in 1994. Given its relatively recent arrival on the legal scene, many Americans remain unaware of just what services it provides. Find a concise explanation in *Five Myths About Elder Law - And How An Elder Law Attorney Can Help You*, published by the National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys.

[Learn more](#)

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## The New Grandparent Scam: Worse Than Before

The grandparent scam has returned, this time with voice cloning technology that makes it even more dangerous. Find out how to spot the scam and how to protect yourself.



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## Is A Reverse Mortgage Right For You?

Taking out a reverse mortgage to generate cash is a very serious step. A reverse mortgage can be a blessing - or a curse. From *Money*, what you need to consider before taking the plunge.

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