



FLORIDA ESTATE PLANNING & ELDER LAW



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Independence Day

As our nation approaches another birthday on July 4th, there's no denying that we face historic challenges. But Americans are nothing if not resilient. For 249 years, each generation has struggled to protect, preserve, and improve America. Sometimes we have succeeded, sometimes we have slipped up, but we have always kept going. Let us mark Independence Day 2025 with pride in our accomplishments, as well as with humility, recognizing that creating "a more perfect union" is a task that is never finished.

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

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There's Trouble in Margaritaville



When life gives you limes, make margaritas, said Jimmy Buffet. But it's going to take more than margaritas to solve the problems plaguing the late musician's estate. Buffet's widow and her co-trustee have launched dueling lawsuits for control of the multi-million-dollar trust. A lesson in why you must exercise caution if naming co-managers for your estate.

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Kudos to Our SuperLawyers

Super Lawyers® It is with great pleasure that we announce that Attorneys Joseph S. Karp and Attorney Jonathan D. Karp have once again been named to an elite list: SuperLawyers!

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Qualified Income Trust Can Help Achieve Medicaid Eligibility



For middle class people who need long-term nursing care, Medicaid benefits may be the only thing that can save them and their family from impoverishment. If the applicant's monthly income exceeds the eligibility cap, there may still be a solution: A Qualified Income Trust.

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Sales Tax Holidays Are Different This Year

Florida's sales tax holidays are changing this year. If the governor signs the recently passed budget, school supplies will be tax free for the entire month of August. Hurricane supplies will be tax-free year round, but there's a catch: some items that you could purchase tax-free before - flashlights, for example - are now excluded.

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Tips For Safe Driving In Florida Rain



Florida's summer rains are intense and can make driving perilous. Read these tips for staying safe on the road - then enjoy the rainbows that often put on a show when skies clear.

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Our Summer Schedule

Our team members give their all to clients every day, so we think they deserve some days - *off!* Our offices will be closed Friday July 18, August 1, August 15 and August 29, allowing our dedicated staff to enjoy some extra three-day weekends. (We will also be closed Friday, July 4, which is a federal holiday.) In September we will resume our normal schedule.

How To Track Down A Forgotten 401(k)



It is estimated that one in five American workers has lost track of a 401(k) after leaving a job. How does this happen? And how can you check for money that may be out there, waiting for you to find it?

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Signing Up For Medicare Is Smart, Even With Employer Sponsored Health Insurance

If you are 65 and working, consider signing up for Medicare even if you have health insurance through your employer. Once you turn 65, Medicare becomes the primary payer, and relying on your private health insurance could leave you holding the bag for medical bills.

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"In" Baby Names

Every year the Social Security Administration compiles a list of the most



popular baby names. Here is the 2024 list, and a fun tool to track any name's popularity over time. And if there's a new baby in your family, come see us! We will help you craft a plan to protect that precious new addition.

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[Creating an estate plan with a minor child in mind](#)

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