



## FLORIDA ESTATE PLANNING & ELDER LAW



March 2026



Welcome to March! St. Patrick's Day arrives on March 17. On this day and every day of the year, we wish all our clients and followers *the luck of the Irish!*

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

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Here Are The New Estate Tax Rates Effective 2026



The federal lifetime estate and gift tax exemption, expected to decrease this year, has actually *increased*. That means you can leave more tax-free money to your heirs. Find out if your estate is taxable under the new numbers, and how much you can give away annually free of gift tax consequences

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## Joseph Karp Recognized 2026 As Pre-Eminent Attorney



In recognition of outstanding legal expertise and ethical conduct, Attorney Joseph Karp has once again received the prestigious *Preeminent Attorney* designation from

Martindale Hubbell.

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## Updated Rules For Medicaid Nursing Home Benefits

Our attorneys stay current on the complexities and frequent changes in Medicaid planning law, ensuring the advice we give families is up to date. Here are the revised eligibility criteria for nursing home benefits effective January 1, 2026.

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## Special Delivery: The Most Popular Baby Names



Olivia and Noah remain in the top spots, but several names - Arthur and Juniper, for example - have moved up in the charts. Here is The Baby Center's list of the most popular baby names of 2025.

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## Snowbirds, Schedule Your Appointment

If you are a Snowbird client and need a consultation before you leave town, we urge you to schedule your appointment without delay. This will ensure there is sufficient time to meet and to complete and sign any work you require. Call us at (561) 625-1100.

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## Social Security Changes Rolling Out March 7



On March 7 Social Security introduces two new communications systems that will impact beneficiaries, including first-time filers. The systems are intended to reduce field office visits and boost efficiency, but some senior advocates are concerned.

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## Get Tax Assistance From The Karp Law Firm



Tax season is around the corner. Certified Public Accountant Rebecca Maglio can be retained to assist you with your returns, and you do not need to be a client of our firm to use her services. Call Ms. Maglio at 561-472-6066 or [email her](#).

## Despicable: Preying on Grieving Families

There is never a bottom below which predators won't go to defraud the public. The bereavement scam is a particularly despicable ploy involving someone posing as funeral home staff.

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## It's Time to Spring Forward



Daylight Savings Time begins at 2 a.m. on Sunday, March 8. Remember to set your clocks forward by one hour before you go to bed the night before. The adjustment provides us with more sunlight in the later hours.

## Gold and Silver Heirlooms: Hold or Sell?

If you are in the process of de-cluttering - a formidable but necessary task for everyone - you may wonder what to do with the gold and silver items you rarely or never use. With gold and silver prices at record highs, is it a good time to sell grandma's silver utensil set or gold brooch? Or should you hold on to it and give it to your kids? A *Kiplingers* article addresses the pros and cons.

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