



Florida Elder Law & Estate Planning E-Newsletter December 2016

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Message from our Attorneys



The attorneys and staff of The Karp Law Firm wish you and yours the happiest and healthiest of holiday seasons!

All the best,



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What to expect from a Trump presidency

Now that the presidential campaign has ended, what's in store for you under a Trump presidency? Here are some educated, cautious guesses.

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Free workshops

That's all, folks! For 2016, anyway. Our estate planning workshops will resume next year. Hope to see you then.

[Workshop Schedule](#)

2017 Medicare deductibles, co-pays, premiums



For most people, Part B premiums in 2017 will rise by a modest 4%. But higher-income individuals and other beneficiaries will face increases of up to 10%.

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Karp's Kommandos in West Palm Beach

We were back on the walking trail November 19 to raise money for Alzheimer's research. Thank you to our attorneys, staff, their families

and all our friends who participated in the Walk to End Alzheimer's.

[Photos](#)

Nursing home contract rule delayed, under review

Keep your wits about you when signing a nursing home admissions contract: The federal policy prohibiting pre-dispute forced arbitration clauses, expected to be implemented November 28, has been delayed in response to a lawsuit from the health care industry.

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Record year for Food for Families drive

Our firm outdid itself this year, collecting over five hundred pounds of food for needy families!

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If it can happen to him...

93-year-old media mogul Sumner Redstone is back in court, alleging he was abused and bilked out of millions by two ex-companions. If Redstone can be exploited despite being surrounded by a gaggle of legal and financial advisors, it's clear the rest of us must be vigilant about protecting ourselves and our loved ones.

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Grandparents' favoritism can stoke family discord



Longstanding family conflicts can make estate planning a challenge. This AARP article discusses how even well-meaning grandparents can unknowingly stoke discord. With so many of us visiting with family in the upcoming weeks, it's well worth a read.

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Medicaid myths, Medicaid facts

Many of us are enjoying longer life spans, but are unprepared to shoulder the cost of the long-term nursing care we eventually may need. Sound Medicaid planning can often keep families from going broke, but misconceptions about the program prevent some people from following through. We explain the misconceptions, and present the facts.

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Our friend Bill turns 93!

The unique and unstoppable Bill Finley, managing editor of *Boomer Times and Senior Life* magazine, celebrated his 93rd birthday on October 30. Attorney Karp and his wife attended the festivities.

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Need a referral?

If you have a legal issue our firm does not handle, call us anyway. We are *your* law firm! We can often give you some general advice, or provide you with a name or names of legal professionals we consider to be competent and trustworthy. Contact us [here](#) or call 561-625-1100 and let us know that you need a referral.

Listen to Attorney Karp's interviews



If you missed Mr. Karp's recent radio interviews, you can now listen to past shows, archived on our website. The last two shows addressed planning steps mature couples should take if they are marrying, or choosing to live together.

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What to expect from Social Security when a recipient passes on

Survivors may be entitled to a lump sum payment when a Social Security beneficiary passes away; others may be entitled to monthly benefits. The rules are complicated. Here's a primer on what to expect.

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Details on medical marijuana access still unclear

Passage of Amendment 2 gives Floridians with certain health conditions access to medical marijuana. But how and where patients will have access, what parts of the plant can be dispensed, and even how the product will be taxed has yet to be resolved.

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