



Florida Elder Law & Estate Planning E-Newsletter January 2017

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Message from our Attorneys



A happy and healthy new year to all. We look forward to continuing to serve you and your loved ones in 2017 and in all the years to come!

All the best,

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Free workshops

Our free workshops have returned. Attend one to find out the steps needed to preserve your assets, protect your independence, and provide for your loved ones. Please share the schedule with your friends and neighbors, too!

Workshop Schedule

Don't believe everything you hear about reverse mortgages

The reverse mortgage industry offers a potentially valuable product to certain homeowners. While reforms have reined in much of the deceptive advertising of the past, you still need be vigilant.

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Medicaid eligibility criteria revised again



Florida's eligibility criteria for long-term nursing care benefits have changed yet again. Two key changes took effect Jan. 1.

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This family may hold clues to Alzheimer's

Sixty Minutes recently aired a fascinating story about a family whose medical history may help unravel the mystery of Alzheimer's Disease. In case you missed the show, you can watch it in its entirety at the link below. (You will have to disable any ad blockers to view.)

Watch video

Observation status: No more nasty surprises

As Many Medicare beneficiaries discover only after hospital discharge, Medicare will not cover certain expenses if the stay was classified as "observation status." Now, hospitals are obliged to tell you if you have not been admitted as an inpatient, and what that could mean for your pocketbook.

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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.

National Park Senior Pass - get yours now



If you are age 62 or older and thinking about buying a lifetime pass to the national park system, you may want to do it sooner rather than later. The fee is set to increase from \$20 to \$80.

[Senior pass application](#)

Power of attorney and nursing home contracts

Signing a nursing home admissions agreement is serious business. Who signs and how can impact who is responsible for the bill, as well as the ability to sue the facility in the future.

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Americans retiring early... maybe too early?

Despite all the hand-wringing over not having enough money in retirement, many Americans retire early. One recent survey says half of all Americans have called it quits between ages 61 and 65.

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Lawyers, staff enjoy holiday luncheon

Our lawyers and staff got together on December 9 for our annual holiday party and gift exchange. Check out the photos [here](#).

Double nightmare: lose life savings, gain court-ordered guardian

Losing your life savings to a non-attorney claiming expertise in Medicaid planning. Becoming the subject of a court-ordered guardianship. Here is the story of someone who fell into both traps, and what you can do so this doesn't happen to you.

[Read more](#)

Just for fun



As we march into the new year it's fun to look back and savor our memories from years past. Check out this website that lets you look up any year and find out that year's news headlines, popular songs, movies and more.

[Click here](#)

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