




## Florida Elder Law & Estate Planning E-Newsletter July 2017

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### Message from our Attorneys



**Have a happy and safe 4th of July!**

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## **Free Workshops**

Want to know how to protect your assets and your family during your lifetime, and after? Attend one of our free, informative workshops to find out how. You don't need a reservation - just show up!

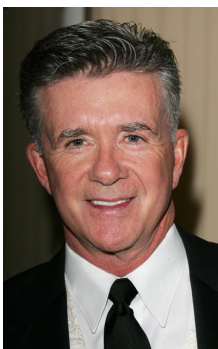
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### **Deadline Eases For Non-Taxable Estate Portability Election**

Many people realize the value of claiming their deceased spouse's unused estate tax exemption only *after* the filing deadline has passed. For non-taxable estates, the IRS has now extended the period in which you can take the "portability" election.

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### ***Growing Pains* Star's Estate in Dispute**



Alan Thicke played the father of a fictional family in the hit sitcom, *Growing Pains*. Now, the late actor's *real* family is feeling the pain as his third wife and adult children wrangle over his estate.

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## To Know or Not To Know?

A simple, commercially available test can reveal if you are genetically predisposed to Alzheimer's Disease. There are compelling reasons to take the test - and some compelling reasons not to.

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## Jonathan Karp Volunteers at Special Needs Sports Program

Attorney Jonathan Karp was a volunteer for the TOPSoccer program this past Spring. The program allows children with special needs to participate in the sport.

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## Estate Planning & Elder Law Radio

Attorney Joseph Karp discussed the pros and cons of various probate avoidance methods on the the May *STARS* radio program. You can listen to the show [here](#). His next guest appearance is Saturday, July 15 at 7:30 a.m. Tune in to WSBR 740 AM or listen live [here](#).

## Be Careful About Appointing Your Children as Co-Agents



It's no secret that many adult siblings don't see eye-to-eye. If you have entrusted them to work together to handle your finances and their relationship goes south, so might your finances.

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## Need A Referral?

Please call our office if you need legal help for a problem our office does not handle. We can often provide you with general advice, or make recommendations to lawyers we know and trust. Call us at 561-625-1100 or [email us](#).

## Why Your 18-Year-Old Needs Legal Planning

Your child will always be your "baby." But once he/she turns 18, the law doesn't see it that way. That's why "children" of that age need legal plans that authorize parents or others to assist them in the event of a financial or medical emergency. If your son or daughter heads off to school this Fall, now is a good time to get these plans in order.

[More information](#)

## Medicaid Divisor Changes, Again

If you give away assets during the five-year prior to applying for Medicaid, you may be ineligible for benefits for a period of time. The penalty period is calculated using the Medicaid divisor, which was recently adjusted upwards.

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## Who's The Richest of Them All?



Never heard of Thomas Peterffy? He's the wealthiest person in Florida, according to *Forbes'* 2017 list of the richest persons in each state.

[Read the list](#)

## Request a speaker

Our attorneys are available to make presentations tailored to your organization's needs. To request a speaker, contact Debbie Karp [here](#) or call 561-472-6062.

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