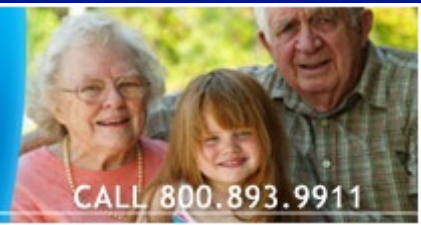




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eNewsletter



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

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### Message from our Attorneys

Wasn't it just yesterday that we all breathed a sigh of relief as hurricane season ended? Well, here we are again: Hurricane season begins anew on June 1. The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration predicts above-average storm activity for this year, including two to four major hurricanes. Time to prepare! Check out the state's preparation guide [here](#). All the best...

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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 events to find out how.

## **Workshop Schedule**

### **The Fiduciary Rule Is Finally Here. But For How Long?**



Here's a comforting thought: Beginning June 9, brokers who provide you with advice about your retirement accounts are obliged to put your interest above their own. Unfortunately, that may not remain the case. The so-called "fiduciary rule" remains under review, as required by the Trump administration's executive order.

[Read more](#)

### **Homestead Exemption May Increase In 2019**

When you go to the polls next year, your ballot will include a proposed amendment to increase the homestead exemption by \$25,000. The measure is likely to pass, but critics warn that resulting cuts to state revenue could impact the services we all rely on.

[Read more](#)

The Karp Law Firm was a sponsor at two recent luncheons honoring our community's social workers and case managers. Attorney Jonathan Karp and Case Manager Supervisor Deeanna Farrington were at the events.

[Read more/photos](#)

### **Estate of Fox Mastermind Roger Ailes Gets Florida Protections**

Roger Ailes purchased a \$36 million home in Palm Beach and declared Florida his domicile shortly after his ouster from Fox News. Those steps will provide some creditor protection for the estate of the late media mogul, who had two lawsuits pending against him at the time of his death.

[Read more](#)

### **Yes, That *Could* Be The IRS Calling**



For years the IRS advised hanging up on callers claiming to be the agency, since it never contacted taxpayers by phone. But now that the agency has contracted with private collection companies, taxpayers in arrears may find themselves receiving legitimate IRS-related calls.

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### **Discussing Durable Power of Attorney Misconceptions**

Attorney Joseph Karp recently appeared on *Oh My God My Mom Is Getting Older And So Am I*, a radio program hosted by Scott Greenberg of ComforCare in Palm Beach Gardens. Common estate planning and life planning mistakes were discussed.

[Listen here](#)

## Need A Referral?

If you have a legal issue our firm does not handle, call us anyway. We can often give you general advice, or provide you with names of legal professionals we consider to be competent and trustworthy. Contact us [here](#) or call 561-625-1100.

## Safer Medicare Cards On The Way

MEDICARE		HEALTH INSURANCE	
SOCIAL SECURITY ACT			
NAME OF BENEFICIARY	JOHN D. DOE		
MEDICARE CLAIM NUMBER	SEX	MALE	
123-45-6789A			
IS ENTITLED TO	EFFECTIVE DATE		
HOSPITAL INSURANCE (PART A)	1/1/95		
MEDICAL INSURANCE (PART B)	1/1/95		
SIGN HERE	<i>John D. Doe</i>		

Medicare identification cards have always been imprinted with the beneficiary's Social Security number. Now, with identity theft at levels unimaginable when the program began, Medicare is issuing safer cards to both newly enrolled and existing beneficiaries.

[Read more](#)

## Well Spouse Needs Estate Planning, Too

Admitting your spouse into a nursing home can be overwhelming. If you neglect your own legal planning, you may inadvertently jeopardize your spouse's Medicaid benefits.

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## A "Miserable Failure" At Retirement

Tom Winston can't seem to succeed - at retirement, anyway. A recent law school graduate at age 73, Winston is happily back at work.

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