



Florida Elder Law & Estate Planning E-Newsletter March 2017

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Message from our Attorneys

The weather up North is unseasonably warm, but our snowbirds are still here with us! If you are a snowbird who needs a consultation before you leave, please phone our office as soon as possible to schedule your appointment. As we get closer to the warmer months we tend to be flooded with requests, and we want to be sure we have sufficient lead time to meet with you, prepare any documents that may be necessary, and arrange for you to sign them before you head out of town.

Wishing you a happy St. Patrick's Day and a wonderful month.

All the best,

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Free workshops

Attend one of our free workshops and learn how to preserve your assets, protect your independence, and provide for your loved ones. Please share the schedule with your friends and neighbors, too!

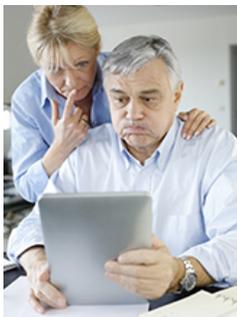
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Why that asset list is vital

When we prepare an estate plan for you, however simple the plan may appear on the surface, we always ask you for a complete asset list. As one family discovered, overlooking asset titling is a recipe for family chaos.

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Know your rights. Medicare employees may not!



Medicare covers rehabilitation and other skilled services so long as they allow a person to *maintain his/her level of functioning*. It's important for you to know your rights, because some Medicare personnel continue to improperly deny claims based on the old "improvement standard."

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Are your long-term care premiums tax-deductible?

Tax day is just around the corner. If you have a tax-qualifying long-term care policy, and high medical expenses as compared to adjusted gross income, you may be eligible for a tax break.

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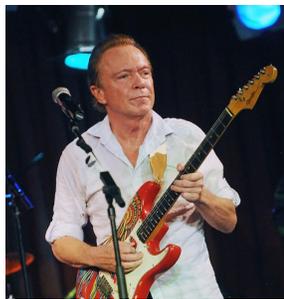
Our attorneys are available to make presentations tailored to your needs. We have discussed a variety of topics at social clubs, homeowners' associations, charitable organizations, professional and business groups, alumni groups and religious organizations. To request a speaker, contact Debbie Karp [here](#) or call 561-472-6062.

Different asset transfer methods have pros, cons

Making gifts can help preserve your assets - *if* you transfer assets in a manner suitable for your circumstances and goals. If not done properly, you may end up in legal trouble or facing unexpected tax consequences. Attorney Joseph Karp explains during his guest appearance on the radio show, *OMG I'm Getting Older And So Is My Mom*.

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Teen hearthrob, now 66, has dementia



Fans knew something wasn't right when David Cassidy could not remember the lyrics to songs he'd been singing for decades. He's since announced he is living with dementia and plans to wrap up touring this month.

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Fiduciary rule? April Fool!

April 1 is the date you were supposed to feel confident that your broker was providing unconflicted advice about your retirement accounts. Well, April Fool: Implementation of the fiduciary rule is delayed while the regulation undergoes additional review.

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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 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.

What do drug expiration dates really mean?



Expiration dates on your medicine bottles aren't just for show. You should take them seriously, say pharmacists. They also say it's a good idea to get those pill bottles out of the bathroom and store them elsewhere.

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