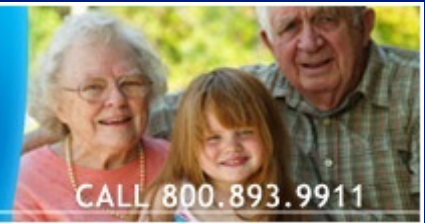




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## Florida Elder Law & Estate Planning E-Newsletter September 2017

### Message from our Attorneys

Did you see the eclipse on August 21? With no clouds in the sky and our NASA-approved glasses at the ready, we took a few moments from our workday to watch the breathtaking event. You can see photos of our eclipse party [here](#).

It will be years until another eclipse, but the next hurricane? That could be just around the corner. This is the most active part of hurricane season, so please stay alert!

As this newsletter is being prepared, Hurricane Harvey is bringing floods to Texas and Louisiana - and a flood of fake charities asking for dollars for hurricane relief. If you wish to help, it's best to contribute through the website of reputable organizations, not in response to email solicitations.

We wish everyone a happy Labor Day. And to our Jewish friends, a very sweet New Year.

All the best,

*Joseph S. Karp*

*Genny Bernstein*   *Mark Gotlieb*   *Adele S. Harris*  
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## **Free Workshops**

Our next estate planning workshops are scheduled for October. Please join us at one of these free, informative events, and share the schedule with your neighbors and friends.

## **Workshop Schedule**

### **Carrie Fisher's Trust Hits a Snag**



Carrie Fisher, who first catapulted into our cultural consciousness as *Star Wars*' Princess Leia, died an untimely death last year at age 60. Her daughter will inherit her mother's wealth, but not all the assets will pass as expeditiously as Fisher envisioned.

[\*\*Read more\*\*](#)

## **Karp Law Firm's 2017 Social Worker Breakfasts**

Over 100 professionals attended our breakfast workshops for social workers and case managers last month. Attendees enjoyed breakfast and networked, and our attorneys provided updates on various legal issues. Thank you to the staff of the beautiful communities that hosted our events: The Brennity at Tradition, Port St. Lucie; HarborChase, Palm Beach Gardens; and Allegro, Boynton Beach.

### **[Photos](#)**

## **Don't Let Forgotten Funds Go to The State**

Surprisingly, it's not uncommon for people to simply lose track of some assets. According to *Kiplingers*, state treasuries hold \$40 billion in "forgotten assets" such as dormant bank accounts, insurance proceeds, etc. Here's how to find out if any of those billions is yours.

### **[Read more](#)**

## **School Supplies Drive**

Our law firm again participated in the annual Back to School Supply Drive, donating school supplies of all sorts to Palm Beach County's underprivileged students.

### **[Read more](#)**

## **Filling Multiple Prescriptions To Get More Convenient**



Keeping track of the dates when prescriptions may be refilled can be a hassle, particularly if you take multiple medications. Thanks to a new Florida law, you will soon be able to have all your prescriptions renew on the same date.

### **[Read more](#)**

## **How To Pay Medicare Premiums With Online Banking**

Does your bank offer online bill paying? If so, you may find online banking a convenient way to pay your Medicare premiums.

[Read more](#)

## **If Your Minor Child Has a Health Crisis - And You're Not There**

You may not always be immediately available if your minor child encounters a health crisis. Fortunately, you can authorize someone to talk to your child's doctors and make decisions until you can arrive on the scene.

[Read more](#)

## **If You Have To Ask How Much It Costs...**

You know the old saying: *If you have to ask how much it costs, you can't afford it.* For those who don't need to ask, two sumptuous, ultra-expensive senior communities will soon open in Manhattan, complete with swimming pools, spas, farm-to-table meals, and concierges who will procure Broadway tickets for you.

[Read more](#)

## **More Kudos for Our Attorneys**

Congratulations to Attorneys [Joseph Karp and Genny Bernstein](#), both honored as Florida's 2017 "Legal Elite" by *Florida Trend* magazine, and to Attorney [Mark Gotlieb](#), named a SuperLawyer "Rising Star" by Thomson Reuters.

## **Use Your Home to Stay At Home: The Options**

Many Americans are sitting on a pile of equity in their homes. That equity can be tapped in several ways. The National Council on Aging's brochure, *Use Your Home to Stay*

*At Home*, explains the pros and cons of reverse mortgages, home equity loans, etc.



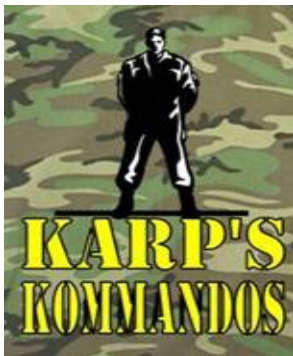
[Read the brochure](#)

### **Documentary Reveals Caregiver Challenges**

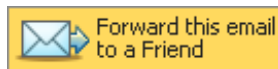
The U.S. has yet to devise a coherent policy to address the shortage of caregivers for our rapidly aging population. The documentary *Care* takes an intimate look at one piece of this puzzle: the home care industry. It airs on September 5 on public television.

[Read more](#)

### **Karp's Kommandos Mobilize To Fight Alzheimer's**



Karp's Kommandos will be participating in the October 2017 Alzheimer's Walks. The walks raise funds for research into the disease, which affects so many of our clients and their families. If you would like to donate to the cause, please see our team pages for the [Treasure Coast Walk](#) and the [West Palm Beach Walk](#).



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