



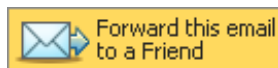
## Florida Elder Law & Estate Planning E-Newsletter December 2017

### Message from our Attorneys

Our best wishes for a happy, healthy holiday season!



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**Free Workshops**

Please join us and invite your friends and neighbors to attend one of our December estate planning workshops. You don't need reservations!

**Workshop Schedule**

**How Would the Proposed Tax Overhaul Impact You?**



Amid a swirl of support and criticism, Congress continues its work on proposed tax legislation. Advocates for older Americans and the disabled are sounding the alarm over certain provisions.

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**Retirement Account Conflict of Interest Rule Delayed**

The Department of Labor's proposed fiduciary rule would require

your broker's retirement account recommendations to be based on one factor only: what is best for you. The rule is facing additional delays, so for now, be sure to ask your advisor if he/she is acting as your fiduciary.

### [Read more](#)

### **Thank You For Your Patience During Our Phone Upgrade**

In mid-November, our phones were down for 24 hours due to unforeseen technical problems while upgrading our system. If you tried reaching us during that time, our apologies, and thank you for your patience. As a reminder, here are our phone numbers:

Palm Beach Gardens: (561) 625-1100

Port St. Lucie: (772) 343-8411

Boynton Beach: (561) 752-4550

Toll Free: (800) 893-9911

### **Veterans Get A Sales Tax Break**

On Veterans Day, [www.shopmyexchange.com](http://www.shopmyexchange.com) rolled out a **lifetime** benefit for veterans and their families: *sales tax-free shopping*. The site features a wide array of merchandise, including electronics, toys, jewelry and clothing. Veterans must be honorably discharged to qualify.

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### **Joe and Debbie Karp Visit Iceland**

Attorney Joseph Karp and his wife Debbie visited Iceland last October. See a sample of Debbie's photos [here](#).

### **Prenuptial: Not Always Enough Protection**

Do you want the inheritance you leave your child to stay with your child and grandchildren? It's a common concern among clients who have children in second marriages. As Attorney Karp notes, your child's prenuptial alone may not provide you or your child with sufficient protection.



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### **LTC Insurance Premiums Deductions Increase in 2018**

Beginning in 2018, you will be able to take a larger tax deduction for your long-term care insurance premiums, providing you have a qualifying policy.

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### **Joseph Karp on Medicaid Trusts**

Attorney Karp recently contributed his expertise to "Using Trusts to Qualify for Medicaid: A Guide to Preserving Your Medicaid Eligibility and Assets," published on *Next Avenue*, a Public Broadcasting site.

[Read the article](#)

### **Microsoft Founder Joins War on Alzheimer's**



Bill Gates helped usher in the digital revolution. Now he's working on a different revolution: defeating Alzheimer's Disease. His recent \$50 million gift is intended to help scientists better understand the disease process and identify alternative treatments.

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### **Karp Law Firm Donates Food for Families**

Our 2018 food drive was a success. Attorneys and staff of The Karp Law Firm donated 452 pounds of food that was distributed to needy families for the Thanksgiving holiday.

[More and photo](#)

### **Tax Time Is Approaching. Our CPA Can Help**

We are not too far away from April 15. Certified Public Accountant Rebecca Maglio may be retained to do your taxes, even if you are not a client of our firm. Contact her at (561) 472-6066, or **email her**.

## A Roth IRA For The Holidays?

Sure, the kids and grandkids will be happy if you give them "stuff" this holiday season. But if they are employed and you give them funds to establish a Roth IRA or contribute to an existing one, they will be happy long after that "stuff" is forgotten.

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