



7 Must Dos

When Naming Guardians for Your Kids

1. **If you name a couple to act as guardians, make sure you decide what should happen if they break up or if one dies or is incapacitated.** Documenting this properly is critical to ensuring the well-being and care of your children, no matter what.
2. **Name more than one potential guardian.** What if something happens to your first choice? Decide and document who will succeed your first nominee.
3. **Avoid taking financial resources into consideration** when deciding who should raise your children. Your guardians do not have to (and often should not) be **financial decision makers** for your kids. You need to leave enough money behind and put it in Trust to ensure it's cared for properly.
4. Consider creating a Living Trust that prevents a **Court from taking jurisdiction over your money and your loved ones through probate**, which is totally public, and **doesn't protect your money** from your family's later divorces or lawsuits.
5. Exclude anyone that might challenge your guardian decisions or who you know you'd never want to care for your kids. Do it in writing.

6. **Make arrangements for the short term** if you were in an accident. **What would happen to your kids in those immediate hours** until your permanent guardians could arrive? We recommend a Kids Protection Plan to cover that critical time of care.

7. **Name your guardians in a separate, freestanding document, not simply in a Will.** Naming a guardian in a Will or Power of Attorney will make it more difficult for you to change your nomination and your children could be left waiting for a guardian until your Will is admitted to probate or for your power of attorney to take effect.

Take control of your Legal Life and Ensure the Well-Being and Care of Your Family with a COMPLIMENTARY Family Wealth Planning Session (normally \$750)

The Planning Session is absolutely FREE and there is NO OBLIGATION and NO PRESSURE.

We understand that meeting with a lawyer isn't high on your list of fun things to do. Many of our clients felt the same way before their planning session, but absolutely LOVE it after they've experienced a Family Wealth Planning Session with us! They love the peace of mind that comes with knowing everything is set up for themselves, their future and their loved ones.