

# 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 the couple breaks 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 a Trust to ensure that it is handled 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 and lawsuits.
5. **Exclude anyone who might challenge your guardian decisions** or who you know you would never want to care for your children. 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 the 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.

Look below to see what you can do to make sure your kids would always be taken care of, by the people you know, love and trust,

**No matter what.**

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 the right way for themselves, their future and their loved ones.

**Schedule your free Family Wealth Planning session with Rozi at (310) 276-1128**