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## ***IT'S THE LAW!***

### **DID YOU KNOW THAT, IN FLORIDA...**

A **LIVING WILL** is a written declaration advising others that you do not want to be kept alive through artificial means (i.e., a respirator) or force-fed (i.e., through an intravenous tube) if you have certain life-threatening illnesses or injuries. Absent a valid *Living Will*, your loved ones will be left with the painful position of having to guess how to proceed in the event you are unable to inform them of your then-wishes.

If you want to get a **DIVORCE**, the Court has to have **SUBJECT-MATTER JURISDICTION** and so one of the parties must have resided in the state for at least six months and must have the intent to remain a resident at the time of filing. Other states have different residency and/or alternative requirements to qualify to file for a *Divorce*.

A **GUARDIANSHIP** proceeding is commenced when the proposed "*Ward of the Court*" is unable to care for him/herself or manage his/her own funds. The Ward does not have to be a minor, but rather anyone who the Court concludes is unable to handle his/her own affairs.

There are no **ALIMONY GUIDELINES** like there are for **CHILD SUPPORT**. The Court has broad discretion to decide, among other things, the amount, type and duration of *Alimony*, all of which are based upon one party's **NEEDS** and the other party's **ABILITY TO PAY**.

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