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A **GUARDIAN** is a surrogate decision-maker appointed by the Court to make either personal and/or financial decisions for a minor or for an adult with mental or physical disabilities. After adjudication, the subject of the Guardianship is called the **Ward**.

DURABLE POWER OF ATTORNEY (for Healthcare), often called a HEALTH CARE SURROGATE, designates someone to make medical decisions if the person is incapacitated and defines what type of matters that designee can handle (speaking to doctors, accessing medical records, applying for benefits, etc.). **DURABLE POWER OF ATTORNEY (for Financial Matters)** designates a person to act as the "**Attorney-in-Fact**" ("**AIF**") to make financial decisions - and is not revoked upon incapacity.

In a Divorce action, there is no "*community property*." Florida courts follow the doctrine of **EQUITABLE DISTRIBUTION** when dividing marital assets, which means that the distribution of assets is supposed to be "fair", albeit not necessarily equal. With both distribution methods, each spouse receives some share of marital property. The difference between the two methods is *how* the Court determines each spouse's share of marital property.

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