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

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

Whether or not **PROBATE** will be necessary, Florida law requires that anyone who has possession of a **WILL** must file it with the local Circuit Court where the Decedent last resided within 10 days of learning of the Decedent's death. If a Probate Court proceeding is necessary, the Court will determine the validity of the Will.

**GUARDIANSHIP** can provide certain protections for a **SPECIAL NEEDS WARD**, but is not always the best option. It can be expensive, involve the Court making decisions which are better left to the family, and sometimes results in designating a Guardian whom the parents might not have chosen.

More than 13 million parents are separated or **Divorced** in households where children are under the age of 21 with the vast majority of **Custodial Parents** being the mother. Sadly, less than one-half (½) of those awarded **CHILD SUPPORT** actually collect the full amount.

A **CONTRACT** may have different contingencies that allow a Buyer to cancel it, including financing or inspection contingencies. So, if you are a Seller, you should pay particular attention to the deadlines associated with each contingency as it is possible that the deal is not as solid as originally contemplated.

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