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DID YOU KNOW THAT, IN FLORIDA...

If a **CHILD SUPPORT** Order has been violated, the non-paying party may be in **CONTEMPT OF COURT** if the failure to pay is deemed willful by the Court. However, even if one party isn't paying, he/she still has a right to see his/her child so the other party cannot deny Timesharing due to non-payment.

Unlike a **DISCRETIONARY SUPPORT TRUST**, a **SPECIAL NEEDS TRUST ("SNT")** ensures money will be used solely for the *Special Needs* beneficiary and not interfere with access to governmental benefits. Whether it is a 1ST party SNT (funded by the beneficiary) or 3RD party SNT (funded by someone else for the beneficiary's benefit) determines how the assets are distributed at the death of the *Special Needs* beneficiary. Either option ensures that the funds shall be used for the beneficiary during his/her lifetime without jeopardizing any benefits or risking the loss of the assets because of outside forces.

In the case of a deceased person, the **PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE** appointed during **Probate** has the authority to sign documents and make decisions concerning the disposition of the Estate. A person's position as an heir to the deceased does not necessarily make him or her an owner until Probate is closed. In addition, a **Power of Attorney** (even a durable one) cannot survive the death of the principal.

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