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DID YOU KNOW THAT, IN FLORIDA...

If the divorcing spouses can't agree on how to distribute their marital residence, the Court may be asked to **PARTITION** the residence and, in such case, may direct that it be sold and the proceeds divided.

A DECEDENT is the person who died. **PROBATE** is the legal process where the Decedent's assets are distributed to the Decedent's beneficiaries. Probate may be necessary if financial accounts do not have properly named beneficiaries, if Real Property is titled solely in the Decedent's name, or if the Decedent died as a result of medical malpractice and there is a need to commence a *Wrongful Death* action on behalf of the Decedent's Estate.

ADULT GUARDIANSHIP is the process by which the Court finds a Ward's ability to make decisions so impaired that the Court appoints a **GUARDIAN** to make decisions for the Ward. Guardianship is only warranted when the Court does not find a less restrictive alternative available (such as a **Durable Power of Attorney, Health Care Surrogate, Trust** or other form of pre-need directive).

ESTATE PLANNING documents need to be reviewed periodically. Properties might have been bought/sold, designees are no longer the best choice or other events have happened which made you change your mind. A review of documents every few years helps ensure that your documents reflect your up-to-date desires.

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