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DID YOU KNOW THAT, IN FLORIDA...

PROBATE involves the process of appointing a **PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE** (often called *Executor* in other states) whose duty it is to discover and pay valid creditors of the Estate. Having a **WILL** does *not* negate the need for Probate. It only identifies the preferred *Personal Representative* and beneficiaries. However, if there are still bank accounts or other assets in the Decedent's name at the time of death, and those accounts do not have designated beneficiaries, it is likely that a Probate shall be required.

ALIMONY is not one-size-fits-all. Florida provides a number of distinct Alimony options: Temporary, Rehabilitative, Durational, Bridge-the-Gap or Permanent and the scope of each type of Alimony can vary widely depending on the financial disparity of the parties, the length of the marriage and a number of other factors that are considered by the Court.

If a Trust owns a unit in a **CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION**, the Grantor of the Trust, or a qualified beneficiary of the Trust is considered a member of the Association and can serve as a Director of the Association provided he/she occupies the Condominium unit.

A **POWER OF ATTORNEY** becomes operative immediately upon execution. Florida does not permit a signatory to state a future date for effectiveness. This powerful document gives the named *Attorney-In-Fact* the ability to perform any of the powers detailed in the document instantly.

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