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

Major life changes (such as getting married, divorced or remarried, children becoming adults, financial or residency changes) should trigger a review of your **ESTATE PLANNING** documents. It's also a good idea to review them every few years to ensure they still protect you the way you intended.

If seeking a **CHILD SUPPORT MODIFICATION**, it must be based upon a "*substantial change of circumstances*" relative to the difference between the parties' present financial circumstances and the situation that existed at the time of the entry of the Final Judgment.

If you are a snowbird with a Florida home, and are considering making Florida your **DOMICILE**, it's important to know that you must spend the majority of time in Florida (i.e., at least 183 days). You likely should take other steps, such as updating your mailing address, *Driver's License* and *Voter Registration* so as to reflect that you reside in Florida. You'll also want to update your *Estate Planning* documents to reflect Florida law and avoid the *Probate* process.

Florida law provides for **LIMITED** or **PLENARY ADULT GUARDIANSHIP**. **LIMITED** means that the Court finds that the **WARD** is able to do some tasks necessary to care for his/her person or property. **PLENARY** means the Ward is unable to do anything for him/herself and is in need of total care. The Court's objective is to establish the least restrictive form of Guardianship as is necessary to protect the Ward. A Guardianship can be terminated when a Ward has become "*sui juris*" (or, if a Minor, has reached the age of Majority) or his/her capacity has been restored.

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