



**PROPER PLANNING MAY CREATE PEACE OF MIND**



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## This Isn't Your Mother's Medicaid

**E**lder Law is not just about special needs trusts anymore!

Did you know our elder law practice also focuses on: Guardianship, Probate, Long Term Care Planning, Estate Planning, Asset Preservation (Medicaid); Trustee Representation; Facilities Residents' Rights Representation and Exceptions to Medicaid Lien Recovery?

We have had the privilege of collaborating on cases with esteemed trial lawyers throughout the state. We are pleased to have worked with such firms as: Leesfield, Leighton, et al, Miami; Hannon & Boyers, Miami; Colson Hicks & Eidson, Coral Gables; Toral & Associates, Fort Lauderdale; Gary, Williams, Parenti, et al, Stuart; & Lon Worth Crow IV, Sebring.

The firm has assisted clients in such matters as Emergency Temporary Guardianship, Guardianship (minors & adults), Probate and Special Needs Trusts.

We appreciate the confidence all our referring professionals have shown in us. Year to date we have received over 160 referrals from trial lawyers, estate planning attorneys, family law attorneys, certified public accountants, financial

planners, healthcare professionals and others.

During 2006 we have witnessed:

- The signing of the Deficit Reduction Act which may affect your clients and family members' eligibility for Medicaid. It will be imperative to consult with a board certified elder law attorney to preserve your clients' settlement proceeds and inheritances.
- The U.S. Supreme Court decision in Ahlborn which impacts how Medicaid Lien Recovery will be viewed by the courts, going forward.

We recognize the importance of keeping the trial lawyer community current on issues that may impact your clients and your practice. To that end, we offer a Florida Bar Approved Advanced Level CLE, "*Preserving the Personal Injury Settlement for the Aged and Disabled Client*", at your office or association, as we did for the Dade County Trial Lawyer Association this past year.

I invite you to visit our website at [www.fl-elderlaw.com](http://www.fl-elderlaw.com) to schedule a consultation to co-create solutions to meet your clients' needs; schedule a presentation at your office; access our newsletter archive and find useful

links.

*We thank you for your business and wish you a safe and happy holiday season and a prosperous 2007.*

### Practice Areas

#### **Estate & Incapacity Planning**

- ◆ Last Will & Testament
- ◆ Probate & Trust Administration
- ◆ Revocable Trust
- ◆ Durable Power of Attorney
- ◆ Designation of Healthcare Surrogate
- ◆ Quit Claim Deed
- ◆ Living Will

#### **Emergency & Advocacy Services**

- ◆ Emergency & Standard Guardianships
- ◆ Long Term Care Facility Residents' Rights
- ◆ Medicaid Applications & Appeals

#### **Government Assistance**

- ◆ Special Needs Trusts
- ◆ Representation of Special Needs Trust's Trustees
- ◆ Protecting Lawsuit Proceeds and Inheritances While Preserving Medicaid and SSI Eligibility
- ◆ Exceptions to Medicaid Lien Recovery

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