MEDIATING FOR EXTRAORDINARY FAMILIES:

SPECIAL NEEDS, LGBTQIAA, AND EXTENDED FAMILIES



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AGENDA

- I. Family Law Cases with Special Needs Children
- 2. Family Law Cases with LGBTQIAA Litigants
- 3. Family Law Cases Involving Extended Family Members
- Your turn: Questions, Answers, Ideas, and Best Practices

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FAMILY LAW CASES WITH SPECIAL NEEDS CHILDREN

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Usage See note at definition finite article n. the word (the English) preceding a noun and implying a specific instance. definition /,defi'ni f(@)n/ n. 1 a definit b statement of the meaning of a we etc. 2 distinctness in outline, esp. o photographic image. [Latin: related DEFINE definitive /di'finitiv/ adj. 1 (of answer, verdict, etc.) decisive, un final 2 (of a book etc.)

"Child" – person under the age of 18 or not otherwise emancipated under the law

"Special Needs Child" – A child who has been determined by a qualified expert to require assistance beyond what is required by similarly situated children in education, medical attention, emotional health, or behavior.

FAMILY LAW CASES WITH SPECIAL NEEDS CHILDREN



We all know

- Chapter 61, Florida Statutes
- Chapter 742, Florida Statues

WHAT ELSE IS THERE?

FAMILY LAW CASES WITH SPECIAL NEEDS CHILDREN

I. IDEA / Section 504 Florida Statutes/Rules

2. Guardianship

- 3. Social Security
- 4. Dependency
- 5. Domestic Violence

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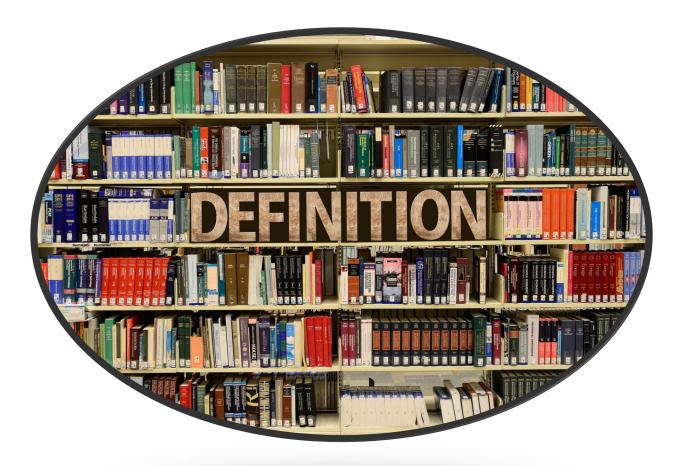
FAMILIES WITH SPECIAL NEEDS CHILDREN



FAMILY LAW CASES WITH LGBTQIAA LITIGANTS

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- L Lesbian
- G Gay
- **B** Bisexual
- T Transgender
- Q Questioning
- I Intersex
- A Asexual
- A Ally



FAMILY LAW CASES WITH LGBTQIAA LITIGANTS



I. Cohabitation Agreements

2. Real Estate Matters

3. Surrogacy, Adoption, and Parentage/Parental Rights

4. Interpersonal violence

Understanding is much deeper than knowledge. There are many people who know us, but very few who understand us

HOW TO CULTIVATE UNDERSTANDING OF:

FAMILIES WITH LGBTQIAA MEMBERS



FAMILY LAW CASES INVOLVING EXTENDED FAMILY MEMBERS







WHAT IS AN "EXTENDED FAMILY"?

FAMILY LAW CASES INVOLVING EXTENDED FAMILY MEMBERS

Other relevant areas of law

- I. Comity and Full Faith & Credit
- 2. Domestication of Foreign Judgments
- 3. Grandparent Visitation
- 4. Other areas of law



Sometimes being understanding is more important than being right ... Sometimes we need not a brilliant mind that speaks but a patient heart that listens ... Not a keen eyes that always see faults but open arms that accept ... Not a finger that points out mistakes but gentle hands that lead!

HOW TO CULTIVATE UNDERSTANDING OF:

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Questions & Answers

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THANK YOU!



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