# 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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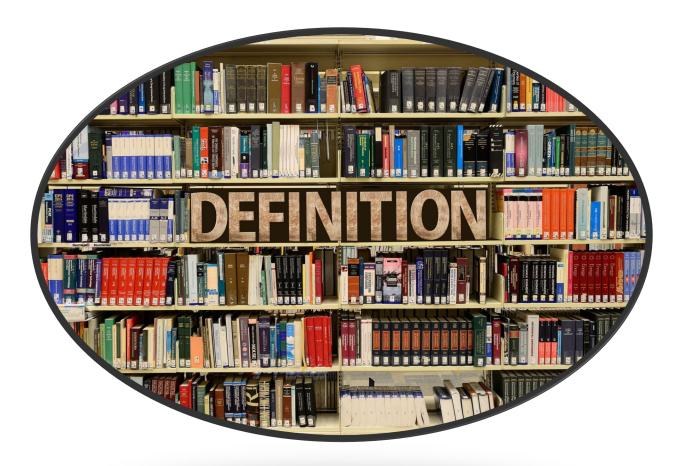
FAMILIES WITH SPECIAL NEEDS CHILDREN



# 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:

# EXTENDED FAMILIES

# Questions & Answers

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# THANK YOU!



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