



6 COMMON MISTAKES MOST PARENTS (& THEIR LAWYERS!) MAKE WHEN NAMING GUARDIANS:

1. **Name a couple to act as guardians** without indicating what should happen if the couple broke up or one of the partners in the couple died. **Your kids could end up in the care of someone you wouldn't really want.**
2. Name only one possible guardian. **What if something happens to your first choice?**
3. **Consider financial resources** when deciding who should raise the children. Your guardians do not have to (and often should not) be financial decision makers for your kids.
4. Only have a Will, which means **the Court will distribute their money**. This process is public and a Will alone will **not** protect your money from your **children's divorces and lawsuits**.
5. Do not exclude anyone who might challenge their guardian decisions. **Your children could end up with people you never wanted to care for your kids.**
6. Only name guardians for the long-term and **do not make any arrangements for the short term** if they were in an accident. **What would happen in those immediate hours** until your permanent guardians could arrive?

HAVE YOU MADE ONE OF THESE MISTAKES?

If you have, don't worry; we have solutions!

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