

## COMMITTED TO UNDERSTANDING AND ACCESSIBILITY

### **Committed to Client Understanding:**

The best and most satisfied client is a client who can make informed choices based on a complete understanding of their options. This requires communicating effectively with the client so that they understand the counsel that is being offered. Always expect us to use plain English and check for understanding by way of a sustained dialogue between client and attorney.

### **Committed to Our Understanding:**

We believe a major part of an attorney's role is to offer a supportive environment for clients facing difficult legal issues. We promise to listen carefully to your issues and legal concerns and try to understand your perspective from every angle.

### **Committed to Accessibility:**

Shuttleworth Law Offices is not a mill

and we are not your typical large firm - layered with support staff doing the real work while the attorney avoids personal contact with clients.

At Shuttleworth Law Offices our staff is available to meet with our clients before and after normal business hours and we are willing travel to your home if you are unable to travel.



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## Protecting Minors After The Unthinkable

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It's difficult to imagine. Your kids, without you. The issues, questions and unavoidable uncertainty are staggering to contemplate. Here are the critical questions each parent must consider.

### **Who would care for my children?**

If a child's parents are deceased, a judge, with the help of the county's social services, will decide.

### **Who would choose where my children live and how would my desires to that decision maker be communicated?**

Absent a parent's nomination, the court is left to decide on its own who would be the best guardian for your children.

Every parent of a minor child should nominate a guardian to let a judge know who you feel is best suited to care for your kids in the future. Guardians are nominated in wills.

### **Can money be made available to a young person for their support, education and health needs?**

Yes. One of the best methods is a minor's trust. Minor's trusts are comprised of cash and assets that are managed for a young person by a third party (called a "trustee") and those assets are made available to financially assist with the young person's health, education, maintenance and support.

### **Can safeguards be implemented to help prevent my child's money from being squandered by him or her?**

Yes. If you are worried about your child or grandchild having too much money before they are prepared to handle it, consider provisions to a child's trust whereby money is provided for support at any time, but large cash distributions are tied to reaching a certain age or achievement, e.g. educational.

Also, clauses called "spend thrift" clauses can be placed in an estate plan to prevent your gift to a beneficiary from going directly into the hands of a

beneficiary's creditor.

### **What if my child has physical or mental disabilities?**

An inheritance can disqualify a disabled child from receiving government benefits. Be sure to tell an attorney of any of your beneficiaries disabilities.

### **UNDERSTAND YOUR OPTIONS WITH A FREE CONSULTATION**

Meet privately with an attorney and understand your options at absolutely no cost or obligation to you.

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