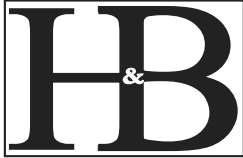




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## APPOINTMENT OF GUARDIAN ADVOCATES

In 2008, there was a change to the Florida Statutes regarding the appointment of guardian advocates. Previously, a person petitioning a court to be appointed as a guardian advocate was required to be represented by an attorney. This is no longer the case. With the change in the law, a guardian advocate may represent themselves. This does not apply to guardianships of the person or property, only to guardian advocates.

The guardian advocacy process is reserved only for persons with developmental disabilities who have turned eighteen. A guardian advocate's duties may include the responsibility for the civil rights, medical care and asset management of the developmentally disabled person. A guardian advocate cannot assign their delegated duties to anyone else. They will be responsible for the timely filing of annual reports with the court. The court will monitor the guardianship and the guardian advocate can be held in contempt of court for failure to properly administer the guardianship.

We do not recommend that guardian advocates choose to represent themselves. We strongly encourage legal representation by competent counsel. There are many legal and personal pitfalls that may be encountered and numerous issues of which you may be unaware.

## DID YOU KNOW?

### 2009 ANNUAL REPORT FOR BUSINESSES

An Annual Report must be filed each year for your business entity to maintain an "active status" with the Department of State. The report is due by May 1, 2009. Failure to file an Annual Report will result in the administrative dissolution or revocation of the business entity on the Department of State's records.

*For more information, or to file your annual report, please visit [www.sunbiz.org](http://www.sunbiz.org).*

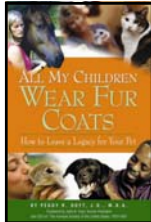
### NO REQUIRED MINIMUM DISTRIBUTION (RMD) IN 2009

Any individual who attains age 70 ½ in 2009 will not be required to take a first RMD by April 1, 2010, but the distribution for the 2010 calendar year must be taken by December 31, 2010. If the individual takes a partial withdrawal, the distribution is not subject to the mandatory 20% withholding that is typically required of RMDs. For beneficiaries under the 5-year rule, the 5-year deferral period is extended by one year (e.g., if an individual died in 2007, the period would end in 2013 instead of 2012).

## All My Children Wear Fur Coats How to Leave a Legacy for Your Pet Second Edition

Only \$15.00  
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By: Peggy R. Hoyt, J.D., M.B.A.



We are excited to announce the release of *All My Children Wear Fur Coats - How to Leave a Legacy for Your Pet, Second Edition*. This book is written for people who love pets and for people who consider their pets to be members of their family, even their "children." It is an effort to share some thoughts and ideas with people who are concerned about the day when they may lose their pet or their pet may lose them - either to disability or to death. Peggy is available to meet with individuals or speak to groups about planning for your pets.

*For more information or to order your copy today, please call 407-977-8080, visit [www.HoytBryan.com](http://www.HoytBryan.com) or [www.LegacyForYourPet.com](http://www.LegacyForYourPet.com)*

## UPCOMING EDUCATIONAL WORKSHOPS & EVENTS

### MARCH

Advisor Lunch & Learn

Tuesday, March 3, 2009 at 12:00 p.m.

Truth About Medicaid Planning

Wednesday, March 4, 2009 at 9:30 a.m.

What To Do When Someone Dies

Tuesday, March 10, 2009 at 6:00 p.m.

Truth About Estate Planning

Tuesday, March 24, 2009 at 6:00 p.m.

Planning For Your Pets

Wednesday, March 25, 2009 at 6:00 p.m.

### APRIL

Truth About Medicaid Planning

Wednesday, April 1, 2009 at 9:30 a.m.

Advisor Lunch & Learn

Tuesday, April 7, 2009 at 12:00 p.m.

Truth About Estate Planning

Thursday, April 9, 2009 at 9:30 a.m.

Women In Transition

Wednesday, April 15, 2009 at 6:00 p.m.

Planning For Your Pets

Tuesday, April 21, 2009 at 6:00 p.m.

### MAY

Advisor Lunch & Learn

Tuesday, May 5, 2009 at 12:00 p.m.

Truth About Medicaid Planning

Wednesday, May 6, 2009 at 9:30 a.m.

Truth About Estate Planning

Tuesday, May 12, 2009 at 6:00 p.m.

Thursday, May 28, 2009 at 9:30 a.m.

3rd Annual  
Women are READY Symposium  
*Reinvent Yourself for Today's Job Market*  
May 16, 2009 from 8:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.  
Call 407-977-8080 for more information!

All public workshops are complimentary and are held in our Learning Center.  
To RSVP please call 407-977-8080 or visit [www.HoytBryan.com](http://www.HoytBryan.com) for more information.

### Beer Cheese Soup

*Comfort food never came faster! This homemade classic can be on your table in less than 30 minutes!*

- 1/2 cup butter or margarine
- 3/4 carrots, finely chopped
- 1/2 cup celery, finely chopped
- 1/4 cup onion, finely chopped
- 3 cups chicken
- 1 cup Original Bisquick
- 1/8 teaspoon pepper
- 1/8 teaspoon ground cayenne pepper
- 1 cup milk
- 4 cups shredded sharp cheddar cheese
- 1/2 cup regular or nonalcoholic beer



1. In 4-quart Dutch oven, melt butter over medium heat. Add carrots, celery and onion; cook about 10 minutes, stirring occasionally, until crisp-tender.

2. In large bowl, mix broth, Bisquick mix, pepper and red pepper until smooth. Gradually stir into vegetable mixture. Heat to boiling over medium heat, stirring occasionally. Boil and stir 1 minute.

3. Stir in milk and cheese. Heat until cheese is melted. Stir in beer. Serve warm. Top with popped popcorn for a classic soup finish.

\* Make this soup ahead of time, and keep it warm in a slow cooker for up to 2 hours



## 3rd Annual

# Women Are "READY" Symposium

## Rejuvenate, Enrich And Discover Yourself

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Winter Springs, FL 32708

\$10.00 for advanced purchase tickets ~ \$15.00 at the door

For more information about tickets and vendor opportunities please contact:

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