

A Guardian for Your Children

Choosing a guardian for your children, upon your death or serious injury, is an important decision, but you can choose their guardian now. You've probably given this matter some thought and you should know that the law permits you to make this choice. You can make some simple arrangements now that will ease your concerns, knowing that in the worst-case they will be well cared for. Appoint a "personal guardian" for your children in your Last Will. If a court needs to step in and appoint a guardian, the judge will appoint the person you nominated unless, for some reason, it is not in the best interests of your children. If you don't name a guardian in your Will, a judge will decide who will do the best job of raising your children, without hearing your voice. Regardless of your choice, if the child's other parent survives you, that other parent will have the right to raise the children. Factors to consider when nominating a personal guardian are: The age of the nominee; whether your nominee is physically able to handle the job; whether your nominee has kids of similar age; whether you can provide assets to raise your children and, if not, whether your nominee can afford to raise them; whether your guardian shares your moral beliefs, and; whether your children would have to move. ***Mention this article for a free Last Will.***