

## Special Needs Legal & Future Planning

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## RUBIN LAW... <u>THE VALUE ADDED</u> HOW WE ARE DIFFERENT

Our law firm's commitment, our mission, is, with compassion and understanding, to always be there for our clients\*, our fellow families of individuals with intellectual disabilities, developmental disabilities, and/or mental illness.

Unlike most law firms and attorneys, our fees are "fixed" fees, not hourly, for all services rendered. Clients are never "on the clock", never on a meter. Our policy is, and has always been, that we do not charge clients for phone calls, email communication, written correspondence, or future office conferences that the clients have with attorneys and/or staff of Rubin Law, or that the attorneys and/or staff of Rubin Law have with third parties at the request of the client(s), specifically including, but not limited to, any matter related to the clients' estate plan documents, contacts with State of Illinois Agencies, the Social Security Administration, and/or the Internal Revenue Service, regarding any drafted special needs trusts, questions related to government benefits, questions related to navigating the "maze" of the State of Illinois' children and adult programs, as well as questions "broadly" related to special needs legal and future planning. There is no annual maintenance fee. We want clients to call. There is no such thing as a "silly" question.

The only time there could be additional fees is if the clients request additional services <u>after</u> the clients sign their estate plan documents, such as for:

- 1. <u>Changes</u> to their estate plan documents, or <u>additional</u> estate plan documents
- 2. <u>Guardianship</u> Probate Court Proceedings
- 3. <u>Consultations</u> with clients' other attorneys and/or advisors related to <u>dissolution of marriages</u> (divorce), or <u>litigation settlements</u> such as medical malpractice cases, and related matters
- 4. Estate or Trust administration upon the death of the client(s)

As to the four items listed above, we would first have a phone consult or an in office meeting with the client(s) (*this is at no charge to the client(s), as outlined above*) to discuss the possible changes or additional documents, possible Guardianship proceeding, impact of a divorce or litigation settlement, and/or Estate/Trust Administration, at which time client(s) are informed of the fixed or hourly fee for such additional services, At that time the clients have the choice to either proceed with the discussed services, for the fee quoted, or not to proceed. A new Attorney Fee Agreement would be required for such additional services.

Please note that if the clients establish new or additional estate plan documents or amend and/or change any existing estate plan documents prepared by Rubin Law, with another attorney or law firm, or engage such other attorney or law firm for guardianship representation, additional fees may apply for any and all future services by Rubin Law.

\*client(s) are individual(s) who have executed a Rubin Law "ATTORNEY FEE AGREEMENT – ESTATE PLANNING"







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