



Bilingual Online Training

What Happens When My Disabled Child Turns 18? Special Needs Planning and Conservatorships

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Once your child turns 18, they become an “adult”, and they can qualify for certain needs-based public benefits and make their own decisions. Understanding Special Needs Trusts, Conservatorships, and Supported Decision-Making for your children becomes very important at that point.

Please join attorney Ellen Cookman for a lively and informative presentation on these planning tools and how your family can use them, including a deeper dive into the following issues:

- Should I have a stand-alone or testamentary special needs trust?
- What is the difference between a first-party and third-party special needs trust?
- When and how should I transfer assets into (i.e. “fund”) the trust?
- How does a conservatorship work?
- When might I choose to use alternatives to conservatorships – i.e. Supported Decision-Making, Durable Powers of Attorney, Advance Health Care Directives?

Presenter: Ellen Cookman is the principal attorney of **Cookman Law** and a Certified Specialist in Estate Planning, Trust & Probate Law from the California State Bar Board of Legal Specialization. At Cookman Law, we help parents design an estate plan and build a professional team that provides scaffolding for their loved ones to thrive, ensuring financial security and protection. Ellen lives in East Palo Alto with her family and is the parent of a child with autism.

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