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If you have clients who need assistance with finding the right place for their ill family member to live and determining how to pay for it, **we can assist them with becoming eligible for Medicaid.**

If you have clients who are unable to care for themselves and make their own decisions, **we can assist their loved ones with becoming their guardian.**

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She is anxious to change the Woodman life insurance annuity and to get assets titled to the trust as necessary.

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February 2010

Osterhout, McKinney & Prather, P.A. Celebrates 20 Years

January 29, 2010 marked the 20th anniversary of the opening of Julie Osterhout, P.A. The attorneys of Osterhout, McKinney & Prather, P.A. are proud to have served the needs of the elderly of Southwest Florida for 20 years and look forward to having the opportunity to serve the community for many more years.

New Driver License and ID Card Requirements

Beginning January 1, 2010, Florida has new documentation requirements for residents renewing or obtaining a new driver license or identification card. For office visits, you must bring original documents that prove your identity, Social Security number, and residential address. You must visit an office with these documents if you are applying for your first driver license or ID card, when your current credentials expire and you have already used the one-time "convenience" renewal option, or if you legally change your name. If you need to go into an office, you can find out what you need to bring with you by filling in a short questionnaire on line at <http://www.gathergoget.com/>. Source: <http://www.gathergoget.com/>

Attorneys Participate in FGCU's Adult Learning Program

The Renaissance Academy of Florida Gulf Coast University is offering a series of two-day "Home Sweet Home" courses to inform seniors about actions they can take to live out their last years in their own home instead of a nursing home. The courses are offered through the Academy's Winter-Spring 2010 Adult Lifelong Learning Program. Attorney Beth Prather will be a featured speaker at the course available on Saturday, March 13, 2010, which will be held at the Atrium in South Fort Myers. Stephanie Borden, a Certified Aging-in-Place specialist through AARP and the National Association of Home Builders, is the instructor for the course. You can get more information and register by calling FGCU Office of Continuing Education at 239-425-3272 or register online at <http://RegisterRA.fgcu.edu>

Annual SW Florida Conference on Aging

Osterhout, McKinney & Prather, P.A. is once again sponsoring The Ninth Annual Southwest Florida Conference on Aging to be held Friday, April 16, 2010, at the Broadway Palm Dinner Theatre in Fort Myers. Registration begins at 7:45 am. The conference is geared toward professionals in the field of aging as well as the general public. Sessions offer education in health care, mental health case management and current issues. For more information, please call Courtney Quirie at 239-433-8069.