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## What is the Family Allowance?

The family allowance is granted under Florida probate law to a deceased person's surviving spouse and minor children during the probate administration process. The purpose of the family allowance is to provide money for the surviving spouse and children to live on while the probate estate is being administered, a process that can take months and sometimes even years. In Florida, the family allowance entitles a decedent's family to an inheritance, even if the will declares otherwise.

The probate process is a court-supervised process for identifying and gathering the assets of a deceased person, paying their debts including taxes, and distributing the assets to the beneficiaries. The deceased person's assets, commonly called the "estate," are normally used to pay the cost of probate (attorneys' fees and costs, appraisals, accountings and court fees), outstanding tax bills and any outstanding debts left by the deceased person at the time of death. The remaining assets of the estate are then distributed to the beneficiaries of the estate.

Florida law provides that a surviving spouse and/or the surviving minor children are entitled to a reasonable family allowance for maintenance during the administration of the decedent's estate. The maximum amount for the family allowance is \$18,000. If there is a surviving spouse, the spouse is entitled to receive the money for him or her and any surviving minor children. If there are only surviving minor children, the children or their custodians are entitled to...

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## One Senior Place Workshops



**Located at :**  
715 Douglas Ave  
Altamonte Springs, FL 32714

**Elder Law Workshops:**  
**The Truth about Medicaid Planning**  
Tuesday, November 18, 2013 at 9:30 a.m.

**Estate Planning Workshops:**  
**The Truth about Estate Planning**  
Tuesday, November 18, 2013 at 2:00 p.m.

## Hoyt & Bryan Supports



Sponsored by the Marine Toys for Tots Foundation, Toys for Tots helps needy children throughout the United States experience the joy of the holidays. If you would like to participate, please bring a new, unwrapped toy to our office beginning November 3, 2014 through December 5, 2014 to be included in our donation to Toys for Tots.



We are also accepting donations of pet food and supplies for the Pet Alliance of Greater Orlando. To participate please bring your donation to our office between November 3, 2014 through December 5, 2014.

## UPCOMING EDUCATIONAL WORKSHOPS & EVENTS

### NOVEMBER

**Advisor Lunch & Learn  
Topic-**  
Tuesday, November 4, 2014 at 12:00 p.m.

**The Truth About Medicaid Planning**  
Wednesday, November 5, 2014 at 9:30 a.m.

**The Truth About Veterans Benefit Planning**  
Thursday, November 6, 2014 at 6:00 p.m.

**The Truth About Estate Planning**  
Tuesday, November 11, 2014 at 9:30 a.m.

**Office Closed - Thanksgiving**  
**Thursday and Friday, November 27-28, 2014**

### DECEMBER

**Holiday Open House**  
Tuesday, December 2, 2014 from  
12:00p.m.—7:00 p.m.  
Everyone Welcome!  
Please RSVP 407-977-8080.

**Office Closed— Christmas Holiday**  
**Wednesday, December 24, 2014 through**  
**Friday, January 2, 2015**

**We will be back in the office on**  
**Monday, January 5, 2015!**

### JANUARY

**Advisor Lunch & Learn  
Topic— 2015 Update**  
Tuesday, January 6, 2015 at 12:00 p.m.

**The Truth About Medicaid Planning**  
Wednesday, January 7, 2015 at 9:30 a.m.

**The Truth About Estate Planning**  
Tuesday, January 13, 2015 at 9:30 a.m.

**What To Do When Someone Dies-  
Co-Sponsored by Baldwin Fairchild**  
Thursday, January 22, 2015 at 6:00 p.m.

**Office Closed - Martin Luther King, Jr.**  
**Monday, January 19, 2015**

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



**White Christmas Dream Drops**

**Ingredients**

2 large egg white, at room temperature  
1/8 teaspoon cream of tartar  
1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract  
1/8 teaspoon salt  
3/4 cup sugar  
1 cup white chocolate chips  
1/3 cup plus 1 1/2 tbsp. coarsely crushed peppermint candies

1. Preheat oven to 250°. Beat egg whites and cream of tartar in a deep bowl with a mixer, using whisk attachment if you have one, just until soft peaks form. Add vanilla and salt. With motor running and mixer on high speed, pour in 1 tbsp. sugar and beat 10 to 15 seconds, then repeat until all sugar has been added. Scrape inside of bowl and beat another 15 seconds. At this point, meringue should form straight peaks when beaters are lifted. Fold in chocolate chips and 1/3 cup candies with a flexible spatula.
2. Line two baking sheets with parchment paper, using a bit of meringue at corners as glue. Using a soup spoon, drop meringue in rounded 1-tbsp. portions slightly apart onto sheets, scraping off with another spoon. Sprinkle with remaining 1 1/2 tbsp. candies.
3. Bake until meringues feel dry and set when touched but are still pale, 30 to 35 minutes, switching pan positions halfway through. Turn off oven, open door, and let cookies stand about 10 minutes. Let cool on pans. Serve and enjoy!



We cordially invite you to  
join us on Tuesday, December 2  
12:00pm to 7:00pm  
To celebrate the holidays at our  
8th Annual Open House  
To be held at:

The Law Offices of Hoyt & Bryan  
254 Plaza Drive  
Oviedo, FL 32765

We look forward to seeing you!  
Kindly RSVP by November 21st  
407-977-8080  
or [Info@HoytBryan.com](mailto:Info@HoytBryan.com)

# Whiskers and Paws, Inc.



## Lending a Helping Paw... Glitter

Size: Small  
Age: Young  
Gender: Female

Glitter is an AMAZING little girl. She is a little girl's cat to the end. She doesn't mind being dressed up and even pushed in a carriage. She loves to be involved with all activities and wants to know EVERYTHING you did during your day.

If you are interested in adopting Glitter or to make a donation please call 321-262-4330 or email [Ozzycat@hotmail.com](mailto:Ozzycat@hotmail.com).