

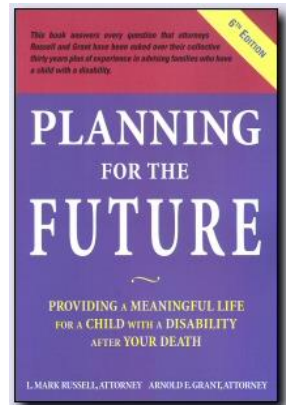
These lawyers come highly recommended by District 99 families with special needs young adults:

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Theresa is an expert on creating Special Needs Trusts and has been long recognized as the guru of Special Needs Trusts and all information pertaining to benefits for individuals with disabilities.

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L. Mark Russell, who has an older brother dual diagnosed with a mild intellectual disability and mental illness, has concentrated his law practice for over fifteen years on estate planning for families who have a child with a disability, advising hundreds of families. He is a nationally recognized conference speaker, regularly speaking to national, state, and local disability organizations across the country, including seminars for Public Television. Mr. Russell, formerly Of Counsel to Estate Planning for Persons with Disabilities (EPPD), also helped train a national network of attorneys and financial planners in this field. Mr. Russell has had an active career in working with charities, including Executive Director of the National Alliance for Research on Schizophrenia and Depression (NARSAD), a national brain research foundation, and he was a founding member and early board member of PACT, one of the first private, charitable advocacy and guardianship organizations in the country. Mr. Russell received his Bachelor of Arts and Sciences from Northwestern University in 1977 and his law degree from the Illinois Institute of Technology, Kent College of Law in 1981, Magna Cum Laude, with a Baker and McKeniz Academic Scholarship and American Jurisprudence Awards in property law and civil procedure. Mr. Russell is a member of the Illinois State Bar Association and the National Academy of Elder Law Attorney (NAELA). Mr. Russell began writing in this field in 1983, and has co-authored the book *The Life Planning Workbook* and has written articles for magazines, including *Exceptional Parent Magazine*.

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