

## **Mental Incompetency Issues**

Having a family member with mental incompetency issues comes with a host of concerns and problems. There are laws that determine who may make decisions for such persons and their property and care. These laws are designed primarily to protect vulnerable individuals.

If a person lives long enough, the prospect of mental incompetency increases. Of course, there are ways to delegate important decisions before mental incompetency actually limits a person's abilities. Some persons do not make sufficient preparation before disability sets in. Even people who try to plan ahead often miss the mark: when the delegate is unable or unwilling to exercise power, for example. Regardless of why, people who lack mental competence are vulnerable to people who would take advantage of their incapacity. Surprisingly, such people often include family members and friends who ought to be looking out for the interests of the mentally incompetent person.

We act for people and families who have loved ones who are mentally disabled to ensure that their property and care are responsibly administered.