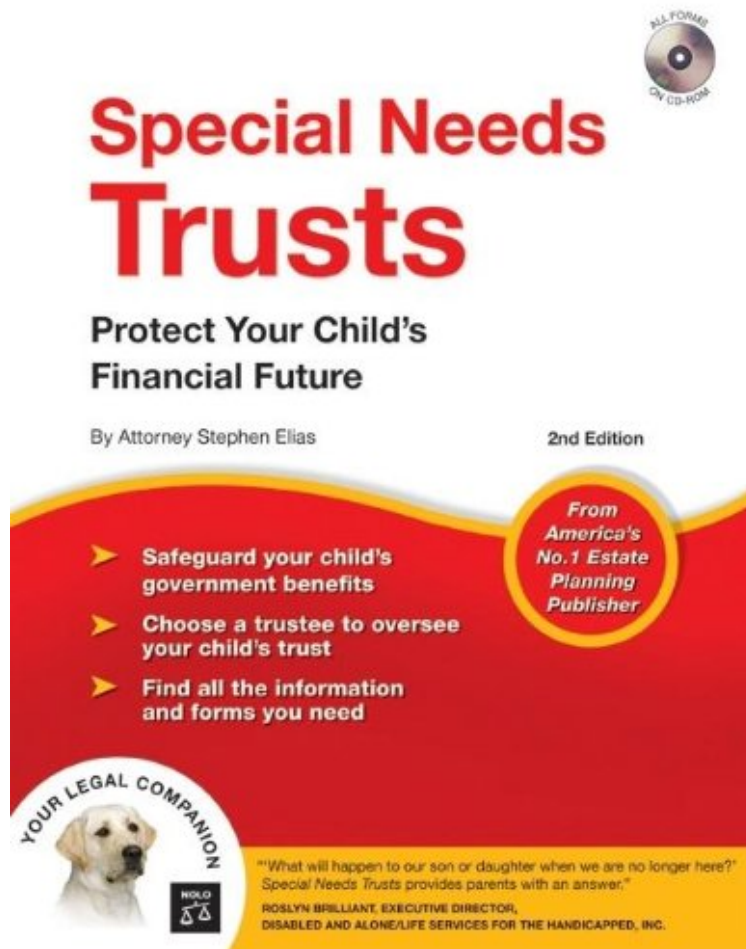


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that with the resources provided, but I expect most readers will prefer to use a professional to establish an estate plan with the special needs trust as an important element. Whether or not you plan to use an attorney, however, this book is an invaluable resource for anyone considering a special needs trust. I have attended seminars on Special Needs Trusts, and my wife and I have had an initial meeting with an attorney to set up a trust for our disabled daughter. As a result, I came to this book with a well-developed idea of what could be accomplished with Special Needs Trust. Still, I learned a great deal from this book. There were several issues related to handling of assets within the trust and the management of housing expenses that became much clearer to me after reading this book. Reading this book helped form important questions that we will be exploring with our attorney, and helps us understand in greater depth what she will be doing for us. In this way, this book is helping us maximize the value we get from our attorney's services. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Great information for people with special needs children or adults. By gilaskh Full of good information. A friend used it and wrote his own. We are going to use it as a basis but plan to do ours thru a lawyer.

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"Does a good job of explaining what a special needs trust can do to protect the benefits of a person with disabilities.... Even if after reading the book you feel you need a lawyer, you will have the knowledge to approach the subject." -- Support for Families of Children With Disabilities Newsletter
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