

## Protecting Elderly Loved Ones: The Role of Guardianship Practices

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As our loved ones age, it becomes increasingly important to remain close and vigilant. While family members often serve as primary caregivers, it's crucial to recognize that not all instances of elder exploitation stem from within the family circle. Unfortunately, exploitation frequently occurs through individuals in positions of trust and confidence.

For instance, recently, Orlando City Commissioner Regina Hill has been accused of elder abuse. While we hope the accusations against her aren't true, Commissioner Hill was formally suspended from her public duties by Executive Order of Florida Governor Ron DeSantis on April 2, 2024. [Link to Spectrum News 13](#) for more details.

Elder exploitation can manifest in various forms, including financial abuse, neglect, and manipulation. These acts not only harm the elderly but also erode the trust and security within families. It's imperative for family members to stay informed, observant, and proactive in safeguarding their elderly relatives.

Moreover, it's essential to acknowledge that seeking assistance from legal professionals may be necessary in addressing elder exploitation cases. The complexities of legal proceedings demand expertise and experience, especially when navigating guardianship matters.

At Lowndes, we understand the complexities surrounding guardianship and elder exploitation. Our robust guardianship practice is dedicated to evaluating and responding to situations like the one involving Commissioner Hill. We are committed to advocating for the rights and well-being of vulnerable individuals and providing comprehensive legal support to families in need. If you suspect elder exploitation or require assistance with guardianship matters, we're here to help. Protecting our elderly loved ones requires vigilance, empathy, and proactive legal intervention.

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