

# New Trends?

**A**s the population ages, we may see grandchildren named in both a grandparent's Representation Agreement (RA) as well as a parent's RA.

It is entirely conceivable that a grandchild will be called on to assist his or her 93-year-old grandparent who is becoming physically frail or a 70-year-old parent who has had a stroke.

Later-life marriages require special attention for personal planning. In these relationships, the children of previous marriages are adults; often the two families do very little "blending."

- What are the implications if spouses each name an adult child of their previous marriage in their Enduring Power of Attorney (EPA) and RA instead of their current spouse?

RARC has had calls on this issue when one spouse, for example, develops dementia and the other spouse now has to work with the spouse's adult child who has legal decision-making authority.

- What happens if the adult child wants to separate the joint assets?
- What happens if the adult child thinks his or her parent should be in a different living situation but the spouse believes he or she is happier in familiar surroundings at home?