

Sample Codicil

[date]

I, [name], a resident of the County of [county], State of [state], declare that this is the codicil to my last will and testament, which is dated [date original signed] (my "Will").

I add or change my Will in the following manner:

[List all specific changes or additions to the original will. Reference each section number of the will and the specific language you will be revising or otherwise affecting. For example: "Add Section XX: I give, devise and bequeath to The Foundation Fighting Blindness (tax identification number 23- 7135845), a charitable corporation organized under Maryland law at 7168 Columbia Gateway Drive, Suite 100, Columbia, MD 21046, ____% of the rest and residue of my estate."]

Otherwise, I hereby confirm and republish my Will in all respects other than those herein mentioned.

I subscribe my name to this Codicil on this [day, e.g. 1st] day of [month], [year], at [full address where signed], in the presence of [full name of first witness to codicil], [full name of second witness to codicil], and [full name of third witness to codicil, if any], attesting witnesses, who subscribe their names here in my presence.

Maker

ATTEST

On [date _____][, [name], known by us to be the person whose signature appears above, declared to us, [full name of first witness to codicil], [full name of second witness to codicil], and [full name of third witness to codicil, if any], the undersigned, that the foregoing instrument, consisting of [number of pages to codicil] page(s) was the codicil to the will dated [date original signed]; who then signed the codicil in our presence, and now in the presence of each other, we now sign our names as witnesses.

Witness

Witness

Address:

Address:

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Sample Bequest Language:

Percentage

"I give, devise and bequeath to The Foundation Fighting Blindness (tax identification number 23-7135845), a charitable corporation organized under Maryland law at 7168 Columbia Gateway Drive, Suite 100, Columbia, MD 21046, ____% of the rest and residue of my estate."

Residuary

"I give, devise and bequeath to The Foundation Fighting Blindness (tax identification number 23-7135845), a charitable corporation organized under Maryland law at 7168 Columbia Gateway Drive, Suite 100, Columbia, MD 21046 the rest and residue of my estate."

Contingent

"In the event that (name or names; i.e., spouse, children, sibling, heirs) shall not survive me, or shall die during the administration of my estate, within ___ days from the date of my death, or as a result of a common disaster, then I give, devise and bequeath those beneficiaries' shares of my estate to The Foundation Fighting Blindness, (tax identification number 23-7135845), a charitable corporation organized under Maryland law at 7168 Columbia Gateway Drive, Suite 100, Columbia, MD 21046.

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