

Last Will and Testament

I, the Testator identified below, being of sound mind, declare this to be my Last Will and Testament, revoking all prior wills and codicils I have previously made.

Testator (Full Legal Name) *

Address *

1. Executor. I appoint the person below to serve as Executor of my estate, to act without bond if permitted by law.

Executor Name *

Alternate Executor (if unable/unwilling to serve)

2. Payment of Debts and Expenses. I direct my Executor to pay my just debts, funeral expenses, and the expenses of administering my estate as soon as practicable.

3. Beneficiaries and Distribution. My estate shall be distributed as follows:

Distribution of Assets *

4. Residuary Clause. I give the entire residue of my estate not otherwise specifically distributed above to the beneficiary(ies) named below.

Residuary Beneficiary(ies)

5. Guardian for Minor Children (if applicable). If I have minor children at the time of my death, I nominate the person below to serve as their guardian.

Nominated Guardian

Alternate Guardian

6. No Contest Clause (optional). If checked, any beneficiary who contests the validity of this Will without probable cause forfeits any interest they would otherwise receive under it, to the extent enforceable under applicable law.

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Include a no-contest clause

7. Witnesses and Execution. Most jurisdictions require a will to be signed in the presence of two disinterested witnesses (who are not beneficiaries and will not sign as witnesses to any gift they receive), who then also sign in the Testator's presence and in each other's presence. Some jurisdictions additionally allow a notarized "self-proving" affidavit so the witnesses do not need to testify in probate court.

Governing Law (State / Country) *

State-specific warning: holographic (handwritten, unwitnessed) wills, the number of required witnesses, who may serve as a witness, and whether electronic or remote witnessing is permitted all vary by state/country — confirm your jurisdiction's exact execution requirements before signing.

Testator — Signature

Testator — Printed Name *

Witness 1 — Signature

Witness 2 — Signature

Witness 1 — Printed Name *

Witness 2 — Printed Name *

Date *

Date *

Notary Acknowledgment — Testator (Self-Proving Affidavit)

State of _____ County of _____

On this ____ day of _____, 20____, before me personally appeared the testator (self-proving affidavit) named above, known to me (or satisfactorily proven) to be the person whose name is subscribed above, and acknowledged that they executed this document for the purposes stated in it.

Notary Public Signature

Commission Number

Commission Expires

[Notary Seal]

Wills are one of the most formality-sensitive documents in law — signing/witnessing/notarization requirements, what can and can't be left outside probate, and validity rules vary sharply by jurisdiction. A will that doesn't meet your jurisdiction's exact execution requirements can be ruled invalid. This template is a starting-point reference only — have a qualified estate-planning attorney prepare or review your actual will.