

Codicil to Last Will and Testament

I, _____ a resident of the County of _____, State of _____,
Name County State

Being of sound mind, declare this this is the _____ Codicil to my Last Will and Testament, which is dated
1ST, 2ND, 3RD

_____, _____, effective as of today.
Date

I add or change said last 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 affecting. This is where you could include a bequest to our mission. See our suggested bequest language that can assist you.

Otherwise, I hereby confirm and republish my will dated, _____, _____, in all
Date original signed

respects other than those herein mentioned. I subscribe my name to this codicil on this the _____ day
Day

of _____, _____ at _____, in the presence of
Month Year Address

_____ and _____, assisting witnesses,
1st witness to codicil 2nd witness to codicil

who subscribe their names here in my presence.

Testator Signature

ATTEST

On the date last above written, _____ known by us to be the person whose
Testator

signature appears at the end of this _____ Codicil; and who we believe to be 18 years of age or older, of
1ST, 2ND, 3RD

sound mind and disposing memory, and under no constraint or undue influence; declared to us,

_____ and _____, the undersigned, that the
1st witness to Codicil *2nd witness to Codicil*

foregoing instrument, consisting of _____ page(s) was the codicil to the will dated _____;
Number of pages *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.

1st Witness

Name _____
Printed Name *Signature*

Address _____
Street *City* *State* *Zip code*

2st Witness

Name _____
Printed Name *Signature*

Address _____
Street *City* *State* *Zip code*

NOTARY

Signed at _____, this _____ day of _____.

STATE OF WASHINGTON

COUNTY OF _____

SEAL Notary Public, State of Washington

My commission expires: _____

Using a Codicil

A codicil is a document executed after a will is in effect, and is generally used to update a will. Although a codicil can be useful in some circumstances, such as when only a small change to a recent will is made, it is sometimes advisable to simply begin with a fresh will to avoid the confusion that multiple or complicated codicils can cause.

When to Use a Will Codicil

Codicils are useful for any small, inconsequential changes to a will. Examples of changes that can be made using a codicil include distribution of property that you forgot to mention in the will, a name change of one of the beneficiaries or additional instructions for your burial.

When Should I Update My Will?

If the changes you are making are substantial or directly affect the original beneficiaries, you should update your will instead of using a will codicil. Examples of times to update a will include marriage, divorce, change of address, birth or adoption of a new child, large change in assets such as a new car or house and a desire to include new beneficiaries or exclude old beneficiaries.

How Do I Create a Will Codicil?

A codicil requires specific phrasing and must follow the same execution (signing) rules as a will. This means that the codicil must be signed by you in the presence of 3 witnesses and a notary. Make sure the wording of your codicil is correct by using a codicil form.

How to Update a Will

Whenever you create a new will, you must revoke all of the old wills and codicils. If you do not, the court will acknowledge both wills and only follow the new will where the two disagree. In order to avoid this problem, place a revocation of wills and codicils provision in your new will. After revoking your old wills and codicils, write a new updated will with the necessary changes.

You may also wish to consult with an attorney to help you write either a codicil or a new will to ensure your wishes are respected.

Sample Bequest Language for the Central Washington Catholic Foundation

I give to the Central Washington Catholic Foundation, Tax Identification Number 33-1022610,
currently located at 5301 Tieton Drive, Suite F, Yakima, Washington 98908 _____ percent of the
Percent of Estate
rest, residue, and remainder of my estate. It is my intent that this bequest be used solely for the purpose
of _____