

Language For Wills

Sample Will Provisions

The following sample provisions may be helpful for your attorney in preparing a will or codicil:

Specific gift language (*naming MLT as a beneficiary of a specific amount or percentage of your estate*)

I give, bequeath and devise to Mahoosuc Land Trust, a nonprofit corporation having its headquarters in Bethel, Maine, the sum of \$ _____ (or ____ percent of my estate) to be used for its general purposes (or describe a particular program or project of the land trust).

Residual Gift Language (*a residual bequest comes to MLT after your estate expenses and bequests to specific people or entities are paid*)

I give, bequeath and devise all (or ____ percent) of the rest, residue and remainder of my estate to Mahoosuc Land Trust, a nonprofit corporation having its headquarters in Bethel, Maine, to be used for its general purposes (or describe a particular program or project of the land trust).

Mahoosuc Land Trust is a charitable tax-exempt organization under section 501 (c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Our Tax ID number is : 01-0447619.

Please note that bequests for a specific purpose should be discussed with MLT in advance to make sure that any restrictions will achieve your intentions and be consistent with MLT's mission.

Sample Codicil Form

Before making any changes to your estate plan, we recommend you contact your attorney or financial advisor to ensure consistency with other parts of your estate plan.

SAMPLE CODICIL

WHEREAS, I, _____, of the Town/City of _____, County of _____ and State of Maine, on the _____ day of _____ 20____, made and executed my last will and testament in writing; and

WHEREAS, I now desire to make certain changes in my last will and testament;

NOW THEREFORE, I do hereby make, publish, and declare this as a first codicil to my said last will and testament to be annexed to and taken and allowed as part thereof:

[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 above that can assist you.]

I hereby reaffirm and redeclare my said last will and testament in all respects except as hereinabove expressly provided.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I, _____, the testator, on this _____ day of _____ 20____, being first duly sworn, do hereby declare to the undersigned authority that I sign and execute this instrument as a first codicil to my said last will and testament and as a redeclaration of my said last will and testament, and that I sign willingly as my free and voluntary act, and that I am eighteen years of age or older, of sound mind, and under no constraint or undue influence.

Name

We, the undersigned witnesses, being first duly sworn, do hereby declare to the undersigned authority that the testator has signed and executed this instrument as a first codicil to his last will and testament and as a redeclaration of his last will and testament, and that he signed it willingly, and that each of us, in the presence and hearing of the testator, signs this first codicil as witness to the testator's signing, and that to the best of our knowledge the testator is eighteen years of age or older of sound mind and under no constraint or undue influence.

WITNESS

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STATE OF MAINE

COUNTY: _____

Subscribed and sworn to and acknowledged before me by _____, the testator, and subscribed before me by _____ and _____

_____, witnesses, this

_____ day of _____ 202_____.

Before me,

Notary Public

Print Name: _____

