Last Will and Testament

Fictional client: Morgan Ellis | Document type: Will

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1. Identification and statement of intent

I, **Morgan Ellis**, an adult of [jurisdiction to be determined], declare this illustration to be a sample of the organizational language that might appear in a last will and testament. Any earlier testamentary instruments would need to be identified and addressed in a legally effective, jurisdiction-appropriate final document.

This example assumes that I am married to **Jordan Ellis** and have two adult children, **Avery Ellis** and **Quinn Ellis**. All persons are fictional.

2. Family and definitions

References to “my spouse” and “my children” are included only to illustrate how a drafting system might reflect client-intake facts. A practicing attorney must confirm marital status, descendants, adopted children, stepchildren, prior relationships, and other facts affecting the estate.

3. Tangible personal property

I would request that my executor distribute household goods and personal effects to Jordan Ellis if my spouse survives me. If my spouse does not survive me, the executor would allocate those items among my surviving descendants as provided by a valid final instrument or any permitted written memorandum.

4. Residuary estate

Subject to payment of enforceable debts, administration expenses, and applicable taxes, the remainder of my probate estate is intended to pass to Jordan Ellis, if my spouse survives me by the period specified in the final will. If not, the remaining estate is intended to pass in equal shares to Avery Ellis and Quinn Ellis, with appropriate contingent provisions if a beneficiary predeceases me.

5. Personal representative

I nominate **Jordan Ellis** to serve as personal representative or executor. If Jordan is unable or unwilling to serve, I nominate **Avery Ellis** as alternate. A final instrument should establish the applicable administrative powers and any desired bond provision in accordance with the governing jurisdiction.

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6. Estate administration

The personal representative would collect probate assets, safeguard estate property, determine obligations, prepare any required inventories and returns, and make distributions under a legally effective will and governing law. This paragraph is a non-exhaustive illustration of the administration section.

7. Contingencies and protections

An attorney should address beneficiary survival, minors, incapacity, disclaimers, simultaneous deaths, special needs, estate tax issues, and any trusts appropriate to the family. This demonstration does not resolve those matters.

8. Review and execution

Drafting review required: Verify property ownership, beneficiary designations, title to assets, fiduciary choices, family circumstances, applicable statutory language, and execution formalities before a will is presented to any client.

Execution and legal review: Signature, witness, acknowledgment, and notarial blocks are intentionally omitted. A qualified attorney must select state-appropriate provisions, confirm the client’s instructions, and supervise execution.

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