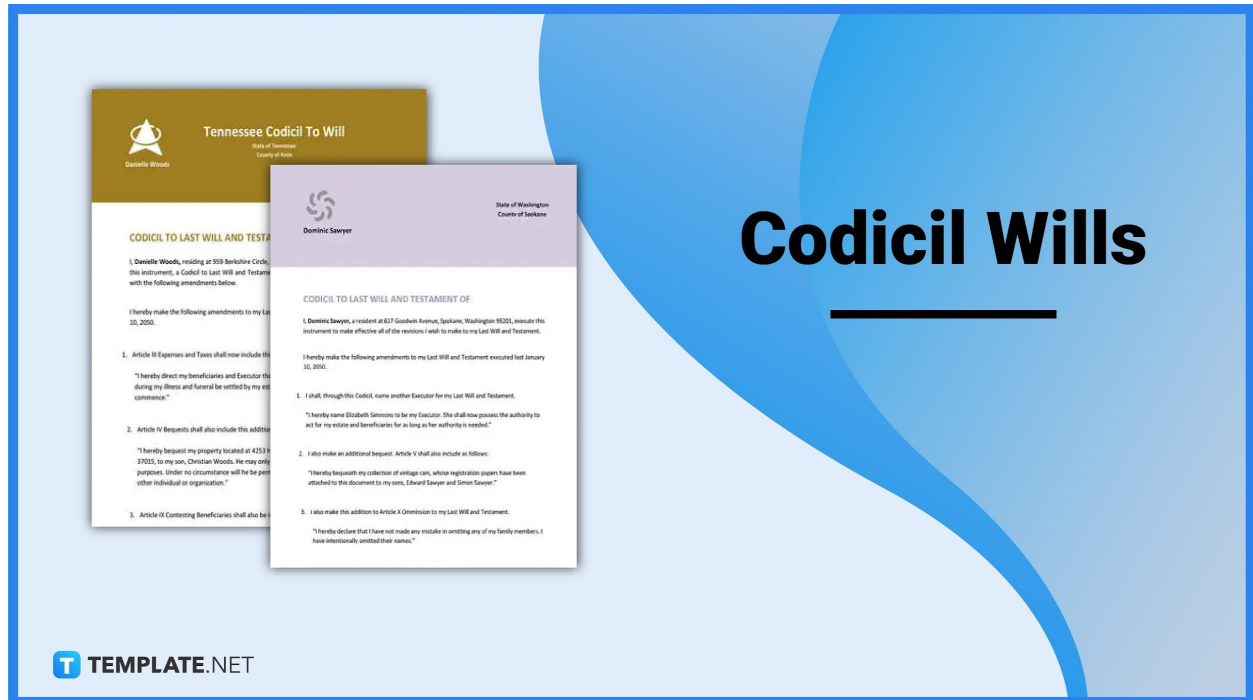


# Codicil Wills

Codicil wills are documents that contain an updated version of a statement or provision in an existing will and testament. A codicil functions as a supporting file that can only be valid if the maker of the will and the witnesses affix their signatures on the document.



## Codicil Wills Definition & Meaning

Codicil wills are legal documents that are intended to make amendments to an existing will and testament.

This means that codicil wills are also considered supplementary documents to support the changes made within an original will.

## What Is a Codicil Will?

Codicil wills rose to popularity prior to personal computers when revising portions of a will would mean rewriting the entire document. The document allows a person to make amendments to a will without starting from the beginning. Although now it is easier to edit a will and testament, some state or courts still accept a codicil to supplement a will.

## 10 Types of Codicil Wills

### Alaska Codicil to Will

[Alaska codicil to will](#) must contain the same legal requirements as a will. One of these requirements is the need to be signed by the maker of the will who should be eighteen years old or older and of sound mind. Multiple codicils are read together and later codicils cancel the previous ones in situations like the old codicil creates a problem with the new codicil or the old codicil was damaged.

# Alaska Codicil To Will

State of Alaska  
County of Yukon-Koyukuk

## CODICIL TO LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF

I, **Eugene Russell**, with an address of 3774 Veltri Drive, Livengood, Alaska 99701, hereby execute this "Codicil" to my Last Will and Testament which I executed last February 10, 2050.

The paragraphs shall hereby amend my Last Will and Testimony.

1. This paragraph shall allow my executor to lend, borrow, or secure finances or money to maintain and keep my estate. Article III shall herein be amended as follows.

"I hereby grant my Executor the power to secure money or funds, whether secured or unsecured from any legal and legitimate source for the upkeep and maintenance of my estate.

Paragraphs mentioning my children shall be understood as follows:

"All references to children or descendants shall herein include any adopted children, whether legally adopted or not." Further, these children and descendants shall be bequeathed with a minimum amount of one hundred dollars (\$100), unless I otherwise



Eugene Russell

## CODICIL TO LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF

I, **Eugene Russell**, with an address of 3774 Veltri Drive, Livengood, Alaska hereby execute this "Codicil" to my Last Will and Testament which I executed last February 10, 2050.

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2. All paragraphs mentioning my children shall be understood as follows:

"All references to children or descendants shall herein include any adopted children, whether legally adopted or not." Further, these children and descendants shall be bequeathed with a minimum amount of one hundred dollars (\$100), unless I otherwise provide or amend."

## Colorado Codicil to Will

[Colorado codicil to will](#) is necessitated to have more than one witness and to be notarized to guarantee its validity. The state of Colorado also recommends that the maker of the codicil should make changes with the assistance of an estate planning attorney from Denver. This will ensure that there are no inconsistencies in the will that may lead to litigation upon the death of the maker of the will.

# Colorado Codicil To Will

State of Colorado  
County of El Paso



Heather Terry

## CODICIL TO LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF

I, **Heather Terry**, with an address of 3534 Snider Street, Colorado Springs, Colorado 80903, hereby write this document to show the amendments I wish to make to the Last Will and Testament I made last June 10, 2050.

The following shall be the amendments I wish to make to my Last Will and Testament.

1. Article III, Donation to Charitable Organization, shall include the following paragraph.  
"I hereby bequeath to the National Children's Cancer Society, a non-profit organization in the state of Colorado, the amount of one million dollars (\$1,000,000) to be used as their Board of Trustees may determine.

Donation in Case of No Living Beneficiaries, shall be added to the Last Will and Testament as follows:  
"In case no beneficiaries which I have provided herein shall survive me and I have not made another Codicil to the Last Will and Testament, my estate shall be distributed to the heirs of mine in accordance with the laws of intestate succession of the state of Colorado."

# Colorado Cod

State of Colorado  
County of El Paso

## CODICIL TO LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF

I, **Heather Terry**, with an address of 3534 Snider Street, Colorado Sp hereby write this document to show the amendments I wish to make Testament I made last June 10, 2050.

The following shall be the amendments I wish to make to my Last Will and Testame

1. Article III, Donation to Charitable Organization, shall include the following paragraph.  
"I hereby bequeath to the National Children's Cancer Society, a non-profit organization in the state of Colorado, the amount of one million dollars (\$1,000,000) to be used as their Board of Trustees may determine.

2. Article X, Donation in Case of No Living Beneficiaries, shall be added to the Last Will and Testament as follows:  
"In case no beneficiaries which I have provided herein shall survive me and I have not made another Codicil to the Last Will and Testament, my estate shall be distributed to the heirs of mine in accordance with the laws of intestate succession of the state of Colorado."



## Hawaii Codicil to Will

[Hawaii codicil will](#) is utilized to make a simple change in a person's will and testament. Making a codicil is much easier than revoking the entire will when there is a minimum update to make on the existing will. In Hawaii, the final changes done in a codicil must align with the formalities used in the original will.

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State of Hawaii  
County of Honolulu



Stephanie George

### CODICIL TO LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF

I, **Stephanie George**, residing at 2899 Stratford Drive, Kailua, Hawaii 96734, hereby execute this Codicil to Will document to make known some amendments I wish to make to my Last Will and Testament, executed last February 10, 2050.

I hereby make the following amendments to my Last Will and Testament:

1. I hereby revoke all the powers I have granted unto my Executor and name another person to act as my Executor. Article II, Section 1 shall now read as follows:

"I hereby appoint Henry Harmon as my Executor. He shall be granted the full authority and power to make any actions or enter into any activity which may be for the benefit of my estate and beneficiaries."

2. Article III, Bequests, shall also include this additional paragraph.

"I hereby bequeath my library of first edition classics in my residence to Tyler George, my son, who resides at 4086 Arron Smith Drive, Honolulu, Hawaii 96813. These books must not be sold to any person for any reason."



## **Delaware Codicil to Will**

In Delaware, a holographic will or a will written in the testator's handwriting is acceptable if other requirements are satisfied. Unlike other states, it is also allowed in Delaware to make a beneficiary to the will a witness. On the other hand, if there are minimal corrections to be made in the existing will, the [Delaware codicil to will](#) is suggested to be executed instead.



# Delaware Codicil To Will

State of Delaware  
County of Delaware

## CODICIL TO LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF

I, **Terry De Luca**, residing at 473 Argonne Street, Philadelphia, Delaware 19103, hereby execute this "Codicil" for the amendments that I wish to make in my Last Will and Testament.

The following shall be the amendments I wish to make to my Last Will and Testament.

1. I hereby rename my Executor in my Last Will and Testament. Article II shall hereby be amended to read as follows:  
"I hereby appoint **Sophia Grace**, a resident of Philadelphia, Delaware, to be my Executor. She shall be granted full power and authority to act for the benefit of my estate and my beneficiaries."  
Further, my executor shall also be required to immediately settle all my medical and funeral expenses from my estate upon my death.

Special Bequeaths, shall also include this paragraph.  
I hereby bequeath my vacation home in Cap d'Antibes, French Riviera to my daughter, Amanda De Luca. In case she will not be able to survive me, this property shall be inherited by her heirs."



Terry De Luca

## CODICIL TO LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF

I, **Terry De Luca**, residing at 473 Argonne Street, Philadelphia, Delaware, hereby execute this "Codicil" for the amendments that I wish to make in my Last Will and Testament.

The following shall be the amendments I wish to make to my Last Will and Testament.

1. I hereby rename my Executor in my Last Will and Testament. Article II shall hereby be amended to read as follows:  
"I hereby appoint **Sophia Grace**, a resident of Philadelphia, Delaware, to be my Executor. She shall be granted full power and authority to act for the benefit of my estate and my beneficiaries."  
Further, my executor shall also be required to immediately settle all my medical and funeral expenses from my estate upon my death.
2. Article V, Special Bequeaths, shall also include this paragraph.  
"I hereby bequeath my vacation home in Cap d'Antibes, French Riviera to my daughter, Amanda De Luca. In case she will not be able to survive me, this property shall be inherited by her heirs."



## Georgia Codicil to Will

To make a [Georgia codicil to will](#) valid, the name of the owner of the will should be included together with the signature of two witnesses. Moreover, Georgia law does not require the key person to inform their beneficiaries regarding the changes made in the will nor will they be required to ask for permission or approval from the beneficiaries. Seeking help from an estate planning law firm in Georgia to execute a codicil would be the best.



Sean Austin

# Georgia Codicil To Will

State of Georgia  
County of Chattahoochee

## CODICIL TO LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF

I, **Sean Austin** of 1457 Hillview Drive, Cusseta, Georgia 31805, hereby execute this Codicil to make effective any amendments to my Last Will and Testament which I executed last March 10, 2050.

The following shall be the amendments I wish to make to my Last Will and Testament.

1. I hereby amend Article V, Bequests, of my Last Will and Testament to add the following clauses.

"I hereby bequest my two (2) commercial properties whose addresses and descriptions are proven by the tax certificate attached to this Last Will and Testament to my son, Philip Austin and his wife, Tyler Austin. These commercial properties shall not be sold to any third person for any reason."

"I hereby bequeath the entirety of my sixty (60) percent of common stock in Bancroft Department Stores to my wife, Megan Austin. These shares shall only be transferable to any of our legitimate children."

2. My last will and testament will also include an addition called Article X that says the following.

"All expenses which shall arise out of my medical and funeral transactions shall be paid by the estate. Only after all obligations and debts have been settled will the division be enacted by my Executor."

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## Illinois Codicil to Will

Before, it was allowed to make handwritten revisions on the original will however the state of Illinois suggests supplementing an [Illinois codicil to will](#) instead to update an existing will. It should be executed in a manner that is the same as the original will. The following are a few facts about the Illinois codicils: the document should be signed by the testator in the presence of two witnesses, the witness and the testator must execute the document at the same time, and the two parties must be eighteen years old or older.

Harold Gabriel

State of Illinois  
County of Cook

### CODICIL TO LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF

I, **Harold Gabriel**, residing at 4949 Bingamon Branch Road, Palatine, Illinois, 60067, hereby execute this Codicil to Last Will and Testament to my Last Will and Testament executed last May 10, 2050.

I hereby make the following amendments to my Last Will and Testament:

1. I hereby revoke all of the powers granted to my named Executor and name another Executor. Article II shall now read as follows:  
"I hereby name and appoint Tracy Gabriel to be the Executor of my Last Will and Testament upon my death. She will be granted the powers and authority necessary to act for the benefit of my estate and beneficiaries."  
"My executor shall not be required to come up with a bond to be able to perform the services required as my Executor."

2. I hereby add this paragraph to Article V, Bequests to my Last Will and Testament.  
"I hereby bequest one million dollars (\$1,000,000) to my adopted daughter, Beth Simmons. This amount shall be granted to her upon her completion of her bachelor's degree. Should she not be able to complete her time in the university, this bequest shall be donated in its entirety to the Children's Cancer Foundation."



Harold Gabriel

### CODICIL TO LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF

I, **Harold Gabriel**, residing at 4949 Bingamon Branch Road, Palatine, Illinois, 60067, hereby execute this Codicil to Last Will and Testament to my Last Will and Testament executed last May 10, 2050.

I hereby make the following amendments to my Last Will and Testament:

1. I hereby revoke all of the powers granted to my named Executor and name another Executor. Article II shall now read as follows:  
"I hereby name and appoint Tracy Gabriel to be the Executor of my Last Will and Testament upon my death. She will be granted the powers and authority necessary to act for the benefit of my estate and beneficiaries."  
"My executor shall not be required to come up with a bond to be able to perform the services required as my Executor."

2. I hereby add this paragraph to Article V, Bequests to my Last Will and Testament.  
"I hereby bequest one million dollars (\$1,000,000) to my adopted daughter, Beth Simmons. This amount shall be granted to her upon her completion of her bachelor's degree. Should she not be able to complete her time in the university, this bequest shall be donated in its entirety to the Children's Cancer Foundation."



## Florida Codicil to Will

Rather than entirely revoking a will to make changes, writing a [Florida codicil to will](#) can be considered instead. Multiple codicils can amend a single will however it presents risks due to the difficulty of tracking multiple documents. On the other hand, in Florida, the executors should be at least eighteen years old and must be mentally and physically capable to perform the duties of being the testator's personal representative.

# Florida Codicil To Will

State of Florida  
County of Duval



## CODICIL TO LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF

I, **Dylan Jordan**, a resident of 121 Boundary Street, Jacksonville, Florida 32216, hereby execute this Codicil, to reflect any amendments I wish to make to my Last Will and Testament.

The following shall be the amendments I wish to make to my Last Will and Testament.

1. I hereby make the following additions to Article V, Bequests, to my Last Will and Testament.

"I hereby bequeath my Florida resident to my son, **Adam Jordan**, who currently resides at 4865 West Fork Drive, Hallandale Beach, Florida 33009."

"I hereby bequeath the position of Chief Executive Officer of Jordan Group of Companies to my daughter, Catherine Jordan who currently resides at the same address as I."

2. Article X shall also be added to my Last Will and Testament which shall provide as follows:

"Any property or effects which I have not specifically bequeathed to an individual, whether movable or immovable, shall be distributed in equal shares to all the named beneficiaries in my Last Will and Testament."



## Iowa Codicil to Will

The probate code 633.279 of Iowa states that wills and codicils must be written and signed by the testator or the testator's representative for them to be valid. The [Iowa codicil to will](#) should also be witnessed by two competent persons in the presence of the testator. Moreover, a person must be of the right age and of sound mind to be able to execute a will or a codicil.



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# IOWA CODICIL TO WILL

## Iowa Codicil To Will

State of Iowa  
County of Webster

  
Aaron Justine

### CODICIL TO LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF

I, **Aaron Justine**, resident at 2489 Nutters Barn Lane, Badger, Iowa 50516, hereby execute this document, Codicil to Last Will and Testament, to reflect and republish the amendments which I shall provide below.

I hereby make the following amendments to my Last Will and Testament:

1. I hereby make the following amendments to Article I, Executor of my Last Will and Testament.

"I hereby name Cleo Justine as my executor. She will be granted full authority and power to act for the benefit of my estate and beneficiaries. Any expenses which she may incur for my estate and for the execution of this Last Will and Testament shall be taken from the estate only."

2. I shall also provide this additional bequest to Article V Bequests of my Last Will and Testament.

"I hereby bequest the remainder of my bequeathed estate, property, and all other effects to my cousin, Joan Smith. All that has been bequeathed to her may not be sold, leased, or transferred for any reason to any person."

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## **Kansas Codicil to Will**

A [Kansas codicil to will](#) is used to amend a current will. For a codicil to be valid in Kansas, it needs to show testamentary intent and meet all the requirements. It should be known by the testator or their representative that a codicil is meant to remove, change, or update a part or some parts of an original will and it is not intended as a complete will.

Benjamin Walter

# Kansas Codicil To Will

State of Kansas  
County of Wyandotte

## CODICIL TO LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF

I, Benjamin Walter, a resident of 3458 Better Street, Kansas City, Kansas 64106, execute this Codicil to Last Will and Testament to republish my Last Will and Testament and reflect the amendments I wish to make below.

I hereby make the following amendments to my Last Will and Testament:

1. I hereby rename my executor to my Last Will and Testament:

I hereby appoint Aimee Crosby to become my Executor. She shall be granted full powers and authority to act for the benefit of my estate and beneficiaries. Any expense which she may incur shall be credited to my estate only."

I hereby make this additional bequest. This paragraph shall be added to Article VI, "I hereby bequest two million dollars (\$2,000,000) as a scholarship fund to my close friend's daughter, Anna Coulter. This amount shall be paid directly to the university of her choosing. This is non-transferable at all times."



Benjamin Walter

## CODICIL TO LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF

I, Benjamin Walter, a resident of 3458 Better Street, Kansas City, Kansas 64106, execute this Codicil to Last Will and Testament to republish my Last Will and Testament and reflect the amendments I wish to make below.

I hereby make the following amendments to my Last Will and Testament:

1. I hereby rename my executor to my Last Will and Testament:

I hereby appoint Aimee Crosby to become my Executor. She shall be granted full powers and authority to act for the benefit of my estate and beneficiaries. Any expense which she may incur shall be credited to my estate only."

I also hereby make this additional bequest. This paragraph shall be added to Article VI, "I hereby bequest two million dollars (\$2,000,000) as a scholarship fund to my close friend's daughter, Anna Coulter. This amount shall be paid directly to the university of her choosing. This is non-transferable at all times."



## **New Jersey Codicil to Will**

A [New Jersey codicil to will](#) enables people to modify an existing will without having to create a new will. Like in most states, a codicil in New Jersey must also be written and signed by the testator or their representative and the witnesses in the presence of each other. Moreover, it is advisable that a person should seek help from a lawyer or a legal professional, especially because it is a legally binding document.

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## New Jersey Codicil To Will

State of New Jersey  
County of Essex



Emily Roberts

### CODICIL TO LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF

I, **Emily Roberts**, residing at 1338 Jadewood Farms, Millburn, New Jersey 07041, hereby execute this Codicil to Last Will and Testament for the amendments I make below.

I hereby my the following amendments to my Last Will and Testament:

1. I hereby revoke the power and authority which I have granted to my Executor and name another person to assume his role. I hereby name Luke Alpha to be my new Executor.
2. I also hereby make this additional bequest.

"I hereby bequest my commercial properties whose titles and registration is attached to this document to my daughters, Sophia and Elizabeth Roberts. They shall use these properties for their own profit use only. These shall not be sold or leased to any person."

3. I shall also hereby add Article X, Binding Agreement to my Last Will and Testament.

"Any decisions or acts which have been made for the benefit of my estate and Beneficiaries shall be binding to all interested parties. Only causes of willful action and negligence shall be cause for such action to be void."



## **Codicil Wills Uses, Purpose, Importance**

Essentially, a codicil works as a supporting document to verify that a small change in a will and testament is valid and approved by its maker. Instead of revamping the entire will to correct or update a small portion of it, a codicil is executed. This legal process presented great convenience back in the day which led to the recognition of its importance and uses such as the ones mentioned below.

### **Change Executor**

Unprecedented occurrences may arise over the years that may change your decision in the past. In this context, a person may change their mind in terms of the executor stated in the will and testament. Because this is a small portion of the entire will, changing the executor name can be done with a codicil document.

### **Add Beneficiaries**

With the option to execute a codicil document, a testator is capable to add or remove beneficiaries in their will. This is most useful when the owner of the will decides to add a new member of the family as a beneficiary. Any contingent beneficiary the testator decides to put in an existing can be executed with a codicil.

### **Update Familial Circumstances**

The downside of making a last will and testament is the inevitable changes that occur along the way. New members are added to the family and may be included in an existing will as beneficiaries. For circumstances like this, a codicil will be ideal to make this change in the document.

### **Revise Wishes**

Plans and wishes could change over time and it would mean that the will would need amendments. But because this part does not entirely consume the will and testament, a codicil would suffice to make this revision. A testator can either add or remove wishes stated in their will according to their liking.

## **Modify Gifts to a Beneficiary**

Sometimes, plans would go in a different direction than what we initially thought. For a testator, this could be the material legacy enumerated in their will and testament. If the maker of the will decides to modify the gifts intended to be passed on to their beneficiaries, they can do so by filing a codicil.

## **What's in a Codicil Will? Parts?**

### **Personal Information**

This part of the codicil includes the full name of the testator and their personal address to clarify the ownership of the will.

### **Date of Codicil Effectivity**

The date in the codicil tells when the document would take effect.

### **Declaration of Sound Mind**

It is important that a codicil includes a statement confirming that the testator and their witnesses are of sound mind as per the requirement of most state law.

### **Testator's and Witnesses' Signatures**

The signatures of both the owner of the will and the two witnesses must be in the codicil otherwise the document will be invalid.

# Codicil Wills Anatomy

Personal Information

Declaration of Sound Mind

Date of Codicil Effectivity

Testator's and Witnesses' Signatures

The document is a legal instrument titled "CODICIL TO LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF". It is dated January 10, 2020, and is executed by Dominic Sawyer, a resident of Spokane, Washington. The document contains three numbered articles:

- Article 1:** The testator names Elizabeth Simons as the executor. A declaration of sound mind follows: "I hereby name Elizabeth Simons to be my Executor. She shall now possess the authority to act for my estate and beneficiaries for as long as her authority is needed."
- Article 2:** The testator makes an additional bequest of vintage cars to his sons, Edward Sawyer and Simon Sawyer. A declaration of sound mind follows: "I hereby bequeath my collection of vintage cars, whose registration papers have been attached to this document to my sons, Edward Sawyer and Simon Sawyer."
- Article 3:** The testator adds an omission to Article X of his last will and testament. A declaration of sound mind follows: "I hereby declare that I have not made any mistake in omitting any of my family members. I have intentionally omitted their names."

Annotations with blue lines and orange dots point to specific parts of the document: "Personal Information" points to the testator's name and address; "Declaration of Sound Mind" points to the first declaration; "Date of Codicil Effectivity" points to the date "January 10, 2020"; and "Testator's and Witnesses' Signatures" points to the signature line at the end of the document.



# How to Design a Codicil Will

1. Choose a [Codicil Will size](#).
2. Determine the purpose of the codicil wills.
3. Select a [Codicil Will Template](#).
4. Identify the part of the original will to be amended.
5. Fill in the template with the necessary information.
6. Review the revised codicil document.

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**05**

Fill in the template with the necessary information.

Review the revised codicil document.

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**06**

## **Codicil Wills vs. Amendment**

A codicil will is a document that enables an owner of a will to make simple changes to an existing will.

An amendment, according to Merriam-Webster, is the process of altering or amending a law or document by a constitutional procedure.

## **What's the Difference Between Codicil Wills, Statement, and Testament?**

A codicil will is a legally binding document executed to supplement an original will and testament.

A statement, defined by Oxford Dictionary, is a definite expression in speech or writing.

A testament refers to a person's will that is related to their personal properties.

## **Codicil Wills Sizes**

[Codicil wills sizes](#) follow the standard paper sizes commonly used for legal documents. This document's sizes vary between the three listed below:

- Letter (8.5 × 11 inches)
- Legal (8.5 × 14 inches)
- A4 (8.3 × 11.7 inches)

# Codicil Wills Sizes

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TYPE OF DOCUMENT	SIZES
Letter	8.5 × 11 inches
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## Codicil Wills Ideas & Examples

Although the different US states implement similar laws regarding codicil wills, they all have a few distinguished details. The following [codicil wills ideas and examples](#) can be considered in making your own codicil document:

- [Maine Codicil Wills Ideas and Examples](#)
- [Nevada Codicil Wills Ideas and Examples](#)
- [Ohio Codicil Wills Ideas and Examples](#)
- [New York Codicil Wills Ideas and Examples](#)
- [Tennessee Codicil Wills Ideas and Examples](#)
- [Oregon Codicil Wills Ideas and Examples](#)
- [Utah Codicil Wills Ideas and Examples](#)
- [Virginia Codicil Wills Ideas and Examples](#)

- [Second Codicil Wills Ideas and Examples](#)
- [Wyoming Codicil Wills Ideas and Examples](#)

## **FAQs**

### **What should be included in a codicil will?**

A codicil will includes the key person's full name and address, a statement that they are of sound mind, a date, the article number in the will to be changed or removed, a statement overruling the original will, and the signature of the key person and witnesses.

### **What make a codicil invalid?**

A codicil becomes invalid when it is not signed by any witness.

### **Who can witness a codicil will?**

It is best practice to have two witnesses who are not beneficiaries of the key person.

### **Can a codicil change beneficiaries?**

Yes, one of the codicil's purposes is to change the beneficiaries of the will's owner.

### **What are the four major components of a will?**

The four major components of a will are the testator's information and execution, the executor and their powers, guardianship of dependents, and disposition of assets.

## **How do I add a codicil to an existing will?**

Make a codicil to the will explaining the changes you want to make or include in an existing will and have it signed by witnesses.

## **Does a codicil have to be notarized?**

No, there are no legal requirements that require a codicil to be notarized.

## **When should you make a codicil will?**

Most of the time, codicils to wills are made when there are parts of the will that need to be removed or changed due to circumstances that happen over time.

## **What can a codicil do to a prior will?**

A codicil can make an amendment or revocation to some parts of the original will.

## **Why use a codicil for a will?**

Using a codicil for a will has benefits including making an addendum or alteration to the original will that updates the beneficiary and ratifies wishes.

## **What other legal document is allowed to be attached to a codicil?**

A self-proving affidavit is allowed by some states to be attached to a codicil.

## **Can the lawyer who drafted the will stand as witness to a codicil?**

Yes, the lawyer who drafted the will is allowed to stand as a witness when a codicil document is signed.

## **What are the reasons for changing a will?**

Some reasons for changing a will include divorce, family disputes, and the passage of time among many others.