

Cast Will and Testament

Being of "sound" mind and memory, I, John Q. Citizen, do hereby abdicate to the State the right to create my Will, and allow the State to enforce this as my Last Will and Testament: If there is any question as to the names and identity of my children at my death, or if I am remarried, the names and identity of the beneficiaries of my estate from each marriage, I do not wish to resolve any conflicts in a Will I might write, but rather wish for my loved ones to fight it out in Court after my death.

ARTICLE FIRST: DISTRIBUTION TO MEDICAID AUTHORITIES

I hereby repay to the Medicaid authorities of the State in which I am domiciled at my death, the amount whereby I was benefited by Medicaid and related State medical assistance providers, up to the entire amount of my estate.

ARTICLE SECOND: DISTRIBUTION TO COURT AND ATTORNEY

I hereby donate at least five percent (5%) of my gross estate to the state of my domicile at my death and to an attorney chosen by my survivors. Although I recognize that there are legitimate avenues which I might pursue to lower these costs, I desire to benefit the court system and an anonymous attorney rather than the natural objects of my bounty.

ARTICLE THIRD: DISTRIBUTION TO CHILDREN AND PARENTS

If I die leaving minor children, I leave my issue, both of majority and minority age, one-half of my estate. Those of minor age shall not have access to this money until they reach age eighteen (18), at which time I direct that they shall have the money outright, without restraint on their desire to spend it immediately.

If I die leaving no minor children, but leaving issue, then I leave them one-half of my estate less fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000). This amount shall be distributed to them at the date of my death or as soon thereafter as permissible under law, as set forth immediately above.

If I die leaving no issue, but leaving living parent(s), I leave them one-half of my estate less fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000). This amount shall be distributed to them at the date of my death or as soon thereafter as permissible under law.

ARTICLE FOURTH: DISTRIBUTION TO WIFE

I leave my wife whatever is left.

ARTICLE FIFTH: CHARITABLE REMAINDERMAN

Any amount that is not distributed above shall be distributed according to the Statutes of the State of Maryland, to the Board of Education of the County in which I die domiciled. I do not desire to support the Board of Education by an explicit gift, and so I do not wish to be remembered or honored for my unintentional gift.

ARTICLE SIXTH: GUARDIAN OF MINOR CHILDREN

I do not wish to have any say in the naming of a guardian for my children. I wish for my friends and relatives to select the person they deem most fit. If they cannot agree, I direct the judge of the Orphan's Court to decide for me.

ARTICLE SEVENTH: APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

I do not wish to name a Personal Representative. I direct the Judge of the Orphan's Court to decide who should handle the distribution of my estate to my loved ones. The Court is explicitly authorized to name one of my creditors to serve as my Personal Representative, if the Judge deems it in the best interest of my loved ones and my estate.

ARTICLE EIGHTH: TAX ENCOURAGEMENT CLAUSE

I understand that under existing tax law, there are certain legitimate avenues open to me to lower death and estate taxes. Since I prefer to fund governmental objectives rather than give my money to my loved ones, I direct that no effort be made to reduce the estate and inheritance taxes due on my estate.

ARTICLE NINTH: CHARITABLE DISPARAGEMENT CLAUSE

During my life I have dedicated myself to supporting the objectives of various charities. I understand that I have no power to leave anything to charity unless I write my own will. I do not have any desire to support any charity at my death, so I choose not to take any steps to give.

DO NOT SIGN THIS "WILL." This is the Will the Maryland State Legislature has written for you if you don't write one for yourself. If you desire to avoid these results, contact Attorney Tim Barkley, at (301) 829-3778 for an initial consultation.