CODICIL TO LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT

I, _____, live in _____ (city), _____ (county), _____ (state). I am of legal age to make a will and of sound mind, and I make this codicil freely. This is the _____ (first, second, third) codicil (this "Codicil") to my last will and testament signed on _____ (my "Will"). Earlier codicils to my Will, if any, were signed on _____. I change my Will only as this Codicil states.

Before you use this form: a codicil must be signed the same way as a will. Print it and sign it in ink in front of two adult witnesses who receive nothing under your will or this codicil. An e-signature does not make a codicil valid in most states. Louisiana requires a notary and two witnesses, Texas and Florida have their own self-proving affidavits, and Ohio, D.C. and Maryland have none for paper wills. Check your state's rules, or use the LawVault builder, which prints the right pages for you.

1. FIRST CHANGE

Part of my Will being changed (article or section number and heading): _____.

Check one: [ ] I revoke that provision and replace it with the wording below. [ ] I add the wording below as a new provision. [ ] I revoke that provision entirely. [ ] I revoke the appointment of every executor named there and appoint the person below. [ ] I revoke the nomination of any guardian named there and nominate the person below.

New wording, or the name of the new executor or guardian (and a backup, if any): _____ _____ _____

2. SECOND CHANGE (OPTIONAL)

Part of my Will being changed: _____.

Change (describe it in full sentences, the way it should read in your Will): _____ _____ _____

3. GIFTS

I add the following gift to my Will (optional): I give _____ to _____. If that person does not survive me, or is an organization that no longer exists when I die, this gift becomes part of my residuary estate under my Will.

I revoke the following gift in my Will (optional): the gift of _____ made in _____ of my Will. That property becomes part of my residuary estate and passes under the residuary provisions of my Will.

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4. REPUBLICATION

Except as this Codicil changes it, I ratify, confirm, and republish my Will and each earlier codicil to it in every respect. My Will, any earlier codicils, and this Codicil are to be read together as one instrument. Where they conflict, this Codicil controls.

5. GENERAL PROVISIONS

If any part of this Codicil is held invalid, the rest of this Codicil and my Will remain in effect. This Codicil is to be interpreted under the laws of the State of _____.

6. SIGNATURE OF TESTATOR

I sign my name to this Codicil, which has _____ pages including the witnesses' page. I have initialed each page. I declare to the witnesses below that this is a codicil to my will and that I sign it willingly. Signed on _____ at _____.

7. ATTESTATION OF WITNESSES

On the date written above, the testator declared to us that this document is a codicil to the testator's will and signed it at the end in our presence. All of us were present together at the same time. At the testator's request, each of us then signed below as a witness, in the presence of the testator and of each other. To the best of our knowledge, the testator is of legal age to make a will, of sound mind, and acting freely. Each of us is an adult, and none of us is named to receive property under the testator's will or this Codicil.

Witness 1 printed name and address: _____

Witness 2 printed name and address: _____

SIGNATURES

Testator

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Printed Name: _____

Witness 1

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Printed Name: _____

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Witness 2

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Printed Name: _____

SELF-PROVING AFFIDAVIT (OPTIONAL; NOT USED IN OHIO, D.C., MARYLAND, ILLINOIS, CALIFORNIA OR LOUISIANA)

State of _____, County of _____. We, the testator and the witnesses whose names are signed on the attached codicil, being first sworn, state that the testator signed it willingly as a codicil to the testator's will; that each witness signed it at the testator's request, in the presence of the testator and of each other; and that, to the best of each witness's knowledge, the testator was 18 or older (or otherwise able to make a will), of sound mind, and under no constraint or undue influence.

Testator: _____ Witness 1: _____ Witness 2: _____

Subscribed, sworn to and acknowledged before me on _____. Notary Public: _____. My commission expires: _____. (Seal)

HOW TO SIGN (NOT PART OF THE CODICIL)

Do not sign electronically. Print the codicil single-sided and sign it in ink. Sit in one room with your witnesses (and the notary, if you use the affidavit). Tell them this is a codicil to your will, sign at the end while they watch, then have each witness sign while you and the others watch. Initial the bottom of every page and fill in the page count. An affidavit attached to your will does not cover the codicil.

Keep the signed original with your original will, but do not unstaple the will to attach it. Do not write changes on the will itself. If you are changing who gets most of your estate, cutting someone out, or already have two codicils, sign a new will instead.

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