

# Examples of a Will

I, \_\_\_\_\_, residing at \_\_\_\_\_ Chicago, Illinois, 606\_\_\_\_, declare this to be my Will, and I revoke any and all wills and codicils I previously made.

## ARTICLE I: Funeral Expenses & Payment of Debt

I direct my executors to pay my enforceable unsecured debts and funeral expenses, the expenses of my last illness, and the expenses of administering my estate.

## ARTICLE II: Personal Property

I give all my tangible personal property to those of my children who survive me, in equal shares, per stirpes, to be divided among them by my executor in her absolute discretion after consultation with my children. My executor may pay out of my estate the expenses of delivering tangible personal property to beneficiaries.

## ARTICLE III: Specific Gift

I give my Automobile and all policies and proceeds of insurance covering my Auto, to my daughter/ Son/ whoever . If she does not survive me, I give the Auto to \_\_\_\_\_.

## ARTICLE IV: Taxes

I direct my executors, without apportionment against any beneficiary or other person, to pay all estate, inheritance and succession taxes (including any interest and penalties thereon) payable by reason of my death.

## ARTICLE V: Minors

If under this will any property shall be payable outright to a person who is a minor, my executor may, without court approval, pay all or part of such property to a parent or guardian of that minor, to a custodian under the Uniform Transfers to Minors Act, or may defer payment of such property until the minor reaches the age of majority, as defined by his or her state of residence. No bond shall be required for such payments.

## ARTICLE VI: Fiduciaries

I appoint my daughter/son, as Executor of this will. If she is unable or unwilling to act as executor, or resigns, I appoint \_\_\_\_\_ as successor executor of my estate. If either executor also predeceases me or is unable or unwilling to act, the survivor shall serve as

executor. My executor shall have all the powers allowable to executors under the laws of the state of Illinois. I direct that no bond or security of any kind shall be required of any executor.

**ARTICLE VII: Guardian**

If I leave minor children surviving me, I appoint as guardian of the person and property of my minor children my daughter/son. She shall have custody of my minor children, and shall serve without bond. If she does not qualify or for any reason ceases to serve as guardian, I appoint \_\_\_\_\_ as successor guardian.

**ARTICLE VIII: Funeral Arrangements**

I direct my body to be cremated and that my ashes shall be disposed of at the Fullerton Rocks, Chicago.

**ARTICLE IX: Disinheritance**

I disinherit \_\_\_\_\_ from my will effective immediately. \_\_\_\_\_ shall receive no property or money under this will.

I have signed this will this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_, 2017

\_\_\_\_\_  
**(legal signature)**

SIGNED AND DECLARED by \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_ to be his/her will, in our presence, who at his/her request, in his presence and in the presence of each other, all being present at the same time, have signed our names as witnesses.

\_\_\_\_\_  
**(signature)**

**(Name of Witness 1)**

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Address**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**(signature)**

**(Name of Witness 2)**

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Address**

**Self-Proving Affidavit**

**STATE OF** \_\_\_\_\_

**COUNTY OF** \_\_\_\_\_

Each of the undersigned,

\_\_\_\_\_ and

(name of witness 1)

\_\_\_\_\_

(name of witness 2)

both on oath, say that:

The attached will was signed by \_\_\_\_\_, the testator named in the will, on the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2017, at \_\_\_\_\_, Chicago, Illinois 606\_\_\_\_.

When he/she signed the will, \_\_\_\_\_ declared the instrument to be his last will.

Each of us then signed his or her name as a witness at the end of this will at the request of \_\_\_\_\_ and in his presence and sight and in the presence and sight of each other.

\_\_\_\_\_ was, at the time of executing this will, over the age of eighteen years and, in our opinions, of sound mind, memory and understanding and not under any restraint or in any respect incompetent to make a will.

In our opinions, \_\_\_\_\_ could read write and speak in English and was suffering from no physical or mental impairment that would affect his capacity to make a valid will. The will was executed as a single original instrument, and was not executed in counterparts.

Each of us was acquainted with \_\_\_\_\_ when the will was executed and makes this affidavit at his request.

\_\_\_\_\_  
**(signature)**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Address**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**(signature)**

**I. Witness**

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Address**

**Sworn to before me this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_\_.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**(signature and official seal)**

**Notary Public**