

Instructions for Making a Holograph Will

You can make a Will without witnesses. Here is how you would do it:

The Will must be entirely in your own handwriting. Do not include typed provisions or the handwriting of anyone else.

You would write out the following in your own handwriting:

This is my Will.

1. I revoke any prior Will.
2. I appoint _____ to be the executor and trustee of my Will.
3. I direct my Trustee to pay all debts from my estate.
4. I give the residue of my estate to [name of beneficiary].
OR*
I direct that the residue of my estate be divided equally among [name of Beneficiaries].
5. **If [name of first beneficiary] does not survive me, I direct that the residue of my estate be given to/divided among [name of alternate beneficiary/beneficiaries]
6. My executor has the power to sell any assets.

Dated: _____

***Signed by you**

*For a single beneficiary use "I give the residue of my estate to...."

*For multiple beneficiaries use "I direct that the residue of my estate be divided equally among/between"

** insert if you want to include what happens if the first named beneficiary dies before or at the same time as you.

WARNING: THIS DOCUMENT IS NOT LEGAL ADVICE. USING A HOLOGRAPH WILL CAN RESULT IN MANY ISSUES AND COSTS FOR YOUR ESTATE AND BENEFICIARIES

AS SOON AS IT IS POSSIBLE, SEEK LEGAL ADVICE TO SIGN A FORMAL WILL.