

## The Execution Of Documents

### Wills And Codicils

The following questions should be answered in the presence of the Notary Public and at least two witnesses. The witnesses should not be beneficiaries under the wills or codicils. Substitute "First Codicil" for will in the following instructions if you are executing a Codicil. A man making a Will is called a "Testator" and a woman making a Will is called a "Testatrix."

#### Before signing

##### **Testator/Testatrix Should Repeat The Following:**

"The document before me is my Last Will and Testament. It has been drafted at my direction, has been made without influence from others and is my free and voluntary act. I know what I own and who I want to leave it to and my Will sets out my wishes. I am over 18 years of age and am of sound mind."

Turn the will on its side and sign each page in the margin until you get to the last two pages where there are lines for you to sign on. Sign your full name as it appears in your Will.

##### **To Witnesses:**

Please sign on the last two pages of the Will. Please note that your name should also be printed in the blanks on the last page.

#### After Signing

##### **The Testator/Testatrix And Witnesses Should Raise Their Right Hand And Repeat The Following:**

"I swear to tell the whole truth and nothing but the truth so help me God."

##### **Testator/Testatrix Should Repeat:**

"I signed the will in the presence of the witnesses and it was my free and voluntary act."

**Witnesses Should Repeat:**

"I saw the Testator/Testatrix sign the Will and all the signings were done in the same room at the same time."

**Revocable Living Trust**

There is no formality involved with executing a Revocable Living Trust. The documents do not need to be witnessed, but only signed and notarized.

**Certificate Of Trust Existence And Authority**

There is no formality involved with executing a Certificate of Trust. The documents do not need to be witnessed, but only signed and notarized.

**Powers Of Attorney**

There is no formality involved with executing a Power of Attorney. The documents do not need to be witnessed but only signed and notarized.

**Living Wills**

There is no real formality with a Living Will; however, it must be witnessed by two witnesses and then notarized.