

CODICILS TO WILLS

If you have made a Will and want to make minor amendments, then rather than preparing a new Will you can make a codicil.

What is a codicil?

Essentially, a codicil is a document that effectively amends, rather than replaces, a previously executed Will. You can have multiple codicils that make minor amendments rather than making a whole new Will.

Why might I want a codicil?

You may want to change your executors or perhaps you want to make an additional gift to a person or a charity.

When is a codicil not appropriate?

If you are making significant changes to your Will, it may not be appropriate to have a codicil as a new Will might be better. When someone dies and the executors have to obtain a Grant of Probate, then this means that the original Will will be sent to the Probate Registry and will then be available for anyone to look at because it will be published. This means that someone might realise that they were going to receive money but are now no longer benefitting which might cause upset.

Having multiple codicils might also mean that they are overlooked when someone dies. It might be better to have one document that tidies things up into a single new Will.

How can GL Law help you?

We have specialist lawyers who will take time to get to know you in order to provide you with advice tailored to your specific needs and wishes.

Full and transparent information about our fees structure will be provided at the outset, and the basis of our charging agreed before we begin work.

For more information or to speak to a solicitor please contact us by calling 0117 906 9400 or email hello@gl.law

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