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SAMPLE CODICIL

I _____ of _____, Massachusetts, make this _____ [number of codicil] codicil to my will dated _____. I amend my will as follows:

[Insert changes to the will here, being sure that any alterations or deletions clearly reference the portion of the will to be changed, e.g., I strike Article First of my will in its entirety and substitute for it the following:]

In all other respects I ratify and confirm all the provisions of my will dated _____, 20_____.

I, _____, the testator, sign my name to this instrument this _____ day of _____, 20XX, and being first duly sworn, do hereby declare to the undersigned authority that I sign and execute this instrument as the [insert number, e.g., First, etc.] Codicil to my will and that I sign it willingly (or willingly direct another to sign for me), that I execute it as my free and voluntary act for the purposes therein expressed, and that I am eighteen (18) years of age or older, of sound mind, and under no constraint or undue influence.

Testator

We, _____ and _____, the witnesses, sign our names to this instrument, being first duly sworn, and do hereby declare to the undersigned authority that the testator signs and executes this instrument as his will and that he signs it willingly (or willingly directs another to sign for him) and that each of us, in the presence and hearing of the testator, hereby signs this will as witness to the testator's signing, and that to the best of our knowledge the testator is eighteen (18) years of age or older, of sound mind, and under no constraint or undue influence.

_____ residing at

(Witness)

_____ residing at

(Witness)

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

COUNTY OF

Subscribed, sworn and acknowledged before me by _____, the testator, and subscribed and sworn to before me by _____ and _____, the witnesses, this _____ day of _____, 20XX.

Notary Public

My Commission Expires: