

How to provide for Lambda Legal in your will

Providing for Lambda Legal's work in your estate plans is a wonderful way to create a lasting legacy. Resources no longer needed can be used in your name to make the world a better place for the next generation of lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender people. And until a cure is found, we'll continue to secure the civil rights of people with HIV or AIDS.

The starting point for making a bequest to Lambda Legal is to make a valid will. To ensure that your will is valid and enforceable under the law of the state where you live, we strongly recommend that you consult with an attorney in making your will.

There are several ways to make a bequest and each one can be tailored to fit your estate-planning needs. By means of a bequest you can give many different kinds of property to Lambda Legal, including cash, securities, real estate, or personal property such as jewelry, artwork, or even copyrights. Consider the following options:

Specific bequest - By a specific bequest you can give a specific sum of money or specific piece of property to Lambda Legal:

I give and bequeath the sum of \$_____ to Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund, Inc., New York, New York, for its general purposes.

or

I give and devise to Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund, Inc., New York, New York, for its general purposes, all right, title, and interest owned by me at the time of my death in the land and buildings situated at _____.

Residuary bequest - By a residuary bequest you can give to Lambda Legal all or part of the property remaining in your estate after the payment of debts, taxes, expenses and bequests to other beneficiaries:

I give, devise and bequeath to Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund, Inc., New York, New York, for its general purposes, all the rest, residue and remainder of my estate, of whatsoever kind and wheresoever situated.

or

I give, devise and bequeath to Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund, Inc., New York, New York, for its general purposes, _____ percent of all of the rest, residue and remainder of my estate, of whatsoever kind and wheresoever situated.

Contingent bequests - By a contingent bequest you can make a gift to Lambda Legal that will take effect only if another beneficiary predeceases you:

If [name of domestic partner, spouse, child, other family member or friend] does not survive me, I give, devise and bequeath to Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund, Inc., New York, New York, for its general purposes [cash amount, percentage of estate, or other description of property].

To ensure that your wishes are followed exactly, we suggest including Lambda Legal's full name and address in your will:

Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund, Inc.
120 Wall Street, 19th Floor
New York, NY 10005
501(c)(3) Tax ID number: 23-7395681

There are also many other planned giving vehicles you can consider to have the benefits of a planned gift during your lifetime. We strongly suggest you speak with a qualified tax professional to explore your options.

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