Suggested Bequest Language

A charitable bequest to The Legal Aid Society of Cleveland may be created through your will or living trust. A bequest is simple, convenient and among the easiest ways to offer support of Legal Aid’s work for years to come.

Below are some example bequest language scenarios for your testamentary instrument. If you already have a will, you can have your attorney add a codicil to include The Legal Aid Society of Cleveland. These examples should not be construed as legal or tax advice and you should consult your own attorney or tax advisor.

Specific Property:
In these provisions, the donor gives a specific dollar amount or certain percentage of the estate or specific assets (securities, real estate or tangible personal property) as indicated by the language below.

Unrestricted gift:
I give ________ (dollars, % of my estate, or specific property) to The Legal Aid Society of Cleveland, having its principal offices at 1223 West Sixth Street, Cleveland, Ohio 44113 (Federal Tax Identification Number 34-0866026) to be used for its general purposes.

Specific Use gift:
I give ________ (dollars, % of my estate, or specific property) to The Legal Aid Society of Cleveland, having its principal offices at 1223 West Sixth Street, Cleveland, Ohio 44113 (Federal Tax Identification Number 34-0866026) to benefit ______ (“Legal Aid’s endowment,” or insert name of particular program/practice area).

Residuary Bequest:
In this type of bequest, The Legal Aid Society of Cleveland receives the entire remainder or a percentage of a donor’s estate after providing for specific legatees, taxes, debts, and estate expenses.

Entire Remainder:
I give to The Legal Aid Society of Cleveland, having its principal offices at 1223 West Sixth Street, Cleveland, Ohio 44113 (Federal Tax Identification Number 34-0866026) the rest and residue of my estate to be used for its general purposes or to benefit ______ (“Legal Aid endowment,” or insert name of particular program/practice area).

Percentage of Remainder:
I give to The Legal Aid Society of Cleveland, having its principal offices at 1223 West Sixth Street, Cleveland, Ohio 44113 (Federal Tax Identification Number 34-0866026) ___% of the rest and residue of my estate to be used for its general purposes or to benefit ______ (“Legal Aid endowment,” or insert name of particular program/practice area).

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