



# How to Leave a Legacy of Liberty through Your Will

A gift to the Institute for Justice in your estate plans enables you to support our mission and make a difference in the lives of future generations. The simplest way to give through your estate is to list IJ as a beneficiary of your will or revocable living trust.

## Listing IJ as a Beneficiary in Your Will or Trust

A bequest is easy to arrange, will not alter your current lifestyle in any way, and can be easily modified to address your changing needs. Here are the three most common options for listing IJ as a beneficiary in your will that you can share with your attorney:

### Residual Gift Language (most common)

A residual bequest comes to us after your estate expenses and specific bequests are paid. You can designate a percentage of your estate you wish to donate. Sample language:

“I give and devise to the Institute for Justice (Tax ID #52-1744337), located in Arlington, VA, all (or state a percentage) of the rest, residue, and remainder of my estate, both real and personal, to be used for its general support (or for the support of a specific fund or program).”

### Specific Gift Language

You may also choose to leave a specific amount to IJ. Sample language:

“I give and devise to the Institute for Justice (Tax ID #52-1744337), located in Arlington, VA, the sum of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to be used for its general support (or for the support of a specific fund or program).”

### Contingent Gift Language

The Institute for Justice or its affiliates can be named as a contingent beneficiary in your will or personal trust if one or more of your specific bequests cannot be fulfilled. Sample language:

“If (insert name) is not living at the time of my demise, I give and devise to the Institute for Justice (Tax ID #52-1744337), located in Arlington, VA, the sum of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (or all or a percentage of the residue of my estate) to be used for its general support (or for the support of a specific fund or program).”

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