

## **Instructions for Using Your Self-proving Will Affidavit**

Probating a Will is less expensive if the witnesses do not have to testify in court. Most states will accept an Affidavit signed by witnesses and a notary in place of testimony in court. Where applicable, a self-proving Affidavit has been included with your document. By having the witnesses to your Will appear with you before a Notary Public and sign this Affidavit under oath, you can waive the requirement for one or more of your witnesses to appear in court to acknowledge the proper execution of your Will. This can be done at the same time as signing your Will or at any later date. The affidavit included is state specific but your Notary may prefer to use his own forms. Once the Affidavit has been completed and sealed by the Notary, you can staple it to your Will.

This is an entirely optional procedure. If you believe you will be creating a new Will in the foreseeable future, it may not be worth the effort to make this Will self-proving. Whether or not you use the Affidavit does not affect the validity of your Will.