

Wills and Trusts

Conciliation clauses may also be included in wills. Although conciliation language in wills is not legally enforceable in most states, it can still encourage people who have disagreements over a will to settle their differences in a conciliatory manner. The following language is appropriate for use in a will:

I believe that God wants Christians to make every effort to live at peace and to resolve disputes with one another in private or within the church (see Matthew 18:15-20; 1 Corinthians 6:1-8; Ephesians 4:1-3). I believe that obedience to these principles honors and pleases God, benefits those involved, and may lead others to faith in Christ. Therefore, trusting that my family and friends will honor my beliefs and wishes, I ask that any questions or disputes that may arise during the administration of my estate be settled by mediation and, if necessary, arbitration in accordance with the Rules of Procedure for Christian Conciliation™ of the Institute for Christian Conciliation available at www.aorhope.org/rules.