**Sample Instructions for a Solo Practitioner’s Will**

***(Modify as appropriate)***

The following language is modified from James E. Brill, *Dealing with the Death of a Solo Practitioner*, State Bar of Tex. Prof. Dev. Program, Advanced Drafting: Estate Planning and Probate Course (2000):

I currently practice law as a solo practitioner. To provide a smooth transition for my clients and to assist my family, I am providing these guidelines to my Executor and any attorney(s) representing my Executor and beneficiaries under this Will.

If my practice can be sold to a competent lawyer, I authorize my Executor, in compliance with the Texas Rules of Disciplinary Procedure and other applicable provisions of law, to sell all or part of my practice, including negotiating the price and terms of sales, provided such sale is in accordance with the requirements of the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct, and where necessary, appointing a custodian attorney to manage the transition of my client files. If a sale is possible, I believe that it will provide maximum benefits for my clients as well as for my employees and family.

[**Optional**:] If my practice cannot be sold and I have client files, I recommend that, subject to consent of my clients, estate planning and probate files be referred to [**name**]; real estate files to [**name**]; corporation, partnership, and limited liability company files to [**name**]; family law matters to [**name**]; and personal injury files to [**name**].

In either instance, I recognize that my practice has developed because of personal relationships with my clients and that they are free to disregard my suggestions.