

WILL IS LIKE A ROYAL ORDER

A Will contains the testator's last words and wishes. The content of a Will may contain one's most inner secret and it would be sensible to say that a Will represents one's heart.

It is common to see that some beneficiaries might feel that the distribution of the assets in the Will is unfair. They criticize and doubt the testator's intention in the Will and raise the questions such as: Why did my parents make such an arrangement? Why am I not receiving anything? Why am I not the executor? Why did I inherit a smaller portion of assets than my other siblings?

There is often the case where the parents-children relationship has turned sour and eventually led to severance. In such a situation, if the parents do not wish to leave anything for their children, they must declare such intention in their Wills. Otherwise, the children will have the right to contest the validity of the Will and possibly inherit part of your assets. We definitely do not wish to see that our business or assets will be passed to an unintended beneficiary.

Nevertheless, it is always better to prevent than cure. Thus, in order to prevent such conflict from arising, it is best to educate our children the importance of maintaining a strong bonding among the family members through mutual communication and understanding when they are still young.

Logically speaking, it's natural that a Will should reflect the testator's wishes and not others. Hence, no matter what the arrangements are, the beneficiaries must learn to respect their wishes. The effort took by the testator should be appreciated not disgruntled.

As a Professional Estate Planner, we are well-versed in using this instrument to perform the testator's last wishes and at the same time, avoid any possible family conflicts.