

LAST WILL and TESTAMENT

Among the usual activities of a Notary Office in a Consulate is the drafting of documents concerning the Last Will and Testament of citizens living abroad.

The public testament is a declaration of the will of its maker made before an authorized notary official in the presence of two witnesses and written down on paper.

In a secret will and testament the functions of the Notary Office are limited to formally receiving the document (whose contents remain secret) in deposit.

Lastly, the holographic will does not need to be drafted by an official from the Notary Office and can be deposited anywhere and with anyone. It is usually deposited in a Notary Office to avoid possible loss and to ensure immediate publication upon the death of the will maker.