



Appropriate Wording for your Will

It is important to remember when drawing up a Will that copyright and PLR are entirely separate property rights, so the gift of copyright (as opposed to all income from a book) does not automatically imply that the beneficiary will receive PLR as well. So to avoid ambiguity a bequest might, for example, be worded 'I leave to all my copyrights, interests in copyrights, royalties, Public Lending Right and all other monies accruing therefrom in all countries of the world of my books published or unpublished'. If you wish to bequeath your copyrights and PLR separately, this should be made explicit in your Will.

Renouncing PLR After Death

If you wish to renounce your PLR after death you may use the following wording in your Will.

'It is my wish to renounce any payments arising from loans of my books under the PLR Scheme, following death. With effect from the date of my death therefore, I hereby direct the Registrar of PLR to remove from the Register all books, or share in books, registered in my name. The effect of this action will be to redistribute among other registered authors, any payments that would otherwise have been due to me.'

