

**Grandma's Yellow Pie Plate
Michigan Revisions
As of: June 2, 2004**

Distribution Options and Rules

- On Page 3 – under key teaching points, item 5
Wills and Lists are shown as methods of disposing of non-titled property.
You should also consider adding **GIFTS** to this list.

Regarding Gifts –

A promise to make a gift in the future is not legally enforceable. This refers to gifts made during the lifetime in which the item is actually delivered to the intended recipient.

The last paragraph under Key Teaching Point 5 should state...

"Michigan allows individuals to create a list, separate from their Will, in which they leave instructions for giving away their tangible personal property at the time of their death. This list must be referred to in the Will, but it can be created either before or after the Will is signed. The list may not be used to make gifts of money. The list must either be in the individual's handwriting, or signed at the end, and should be dated. It must also describe the items and the recipients with 'reasonable certainty'. This list can be changed by the individual during their lifetime without the assistance of a lawyer, and without making any other changes to their Will. The list should be kept with the original of the Will, so that it will be found when the individual dies."

Under the Glossary

- Eliminate the reference to Executor and Executrix. (We now use Personal Representative.)
- Under the definition of will – add the statement...

"In a Will, the testator also chooses a Personal Representative, who will be in charge of the settlement of the estate. The Personal Representative will have the power to make many important choices regarding distribution or sale of the testator's personal property."