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Title of Article; ‘Electronically Preserved Wills: A Warranty for Confidentiality and Timeless Final Wishes.’

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Abstract: The power of a Will to serve its purpose depends on whether the testator’s final wishes have been communicated in accordance with statutory provisions and whether the wishes have been preserved in substance and form to convey only the intentions of the testator. The process of making a Will and that of preserving the said Will compliment each other and a neglect of the latter process may mar the actualization of the document containing a well communicated last wishes. The traditional preservation mechanism appears to impede some Wills from being operational, yet, the situation is redeemable. This article employs doctrinal research methods in its analysis of the preservation of Wills and finds that the use of electronic devices to preserve Wills will ensure that they remain confidential and ageless until they are needed. The article recommends newness in the safety and storage of Wills through electronic preservation by legislative amendments in the statutes on Wills; The article has established the need for Wills to join the modern method of storing information which excludes interference to the document.

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