

QUESTION 1 THE ANSWER TO THIS QUESTION SHOULD GO IN BLUEBOOK I
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Mattie Malone signed a typewritten document dated February 2, 2015 that, except for signature lines and signatures, stated only the following:

"I want my cousin Serena and my best friend Anna to share my entire estate equally after I have passed on. Dated: February 2, 2015."

Both Serena and Anna signed the document as the only witnesses. At the time of that 2015 signing, Mattie was 52 years of age and mentally competent to do so.

A year later, Mattie suffered a closed head injury that severely impaired her memory. Jacob, an adult who was Mattie's only child, spent over one year caring for Mattie. On one occasion during that time, Mattie pointed to Jacob and verbally stated the following in front of several visitors: "I think I have some money and a house, I'm not sure. But whatever I have, I would like this young man to have it all after I'm gone because he has been so kind to me." She scribbled that sentiment on a piece of paper which she signed. Mattie passed away six months later. Her estate was worth \$200,000. Cousin Serena and Jacob were Mattie's only surviving relatives.

Applying Michigan law, fully discuss:

1. Whether the writing in 2015 was a valid will, including whether it was properly witnessed.

2. Whether the pronouncement Mattie made concerning Jacob, had any affect on the distribution of her estate.

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