



Wills Act 1837

1837 CHAPTER 26 7 Will 4 and 1 Vict

15 Gifts to an attesting witness to be void.

If any person shall attest the execution of any will to whom or to whose wife or husband any beneficial devise, legacy, estate, interest, gift, or appointment, of or affecting any real or personal estate (other than and except charges and directions for the payment of any debt or debts), shall be thereby given or made, such devise, legacy, estate, interest, gift, or appointment shall, so far only as concerns such person attesting the execution of such will, or the wife or husband of such person, or any person claiming under such person or wife or husband, be utterly null and void, and such person so attesting shall be admitted as a witness to prove the execution of such will, or to prove the validity or invalidity thereof, notwithstanding such devise, legacy, estate, interest, gift, or appointment mentioned in such will.

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C1** S. 15 amended by [Wills Act 1968 \(c. 28\), s. 1](#)
S. 15 amended (E.W.) (1.2.2001) by [2000 c. 29, ss. 28\(4\)\(a\), 33](#), (with s. 35); [S.I. 2001/49, art. 2](#)
- C2** S. 15 applied (5.12.2005) by [Civil Partnership Act 2004 \(c. 33\), s. 263\(2\), Sch. 4 para. 3](#); [S.I. 2005/3175, Sch. 1](#)

Status:

Point in time view as at 05/12/2005.

Changes to legislation:

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Wills Act 1837, Section 15.