

Bill And Melinda Gates' Divorce Could Change This One Thing About Their Foundation

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On May 3, 2021, Bill and Melinda Gates shocked people across the world when they announced that they are divorcing after 27 years of marriage. The two released a joint statement on Twitter confirming the news of their [celebrity divorce](#), saying that the decision comes "after a great deal of thought and a lot of work on [their] relationship."

Once news broke of their divorce, speculation immediately began swirling about why they're breaking up, what their kids think of the split, and how the Gates' immense fortune will be divided along with [property division](#). There's also been another big question on many people's minds: what will happen to the couple's foundation?

The [Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation](#) is "a nonprofit fighting poverty, disease, and inequity around the world," according to the foundation's website, and both Bill and Melinda have worked together to build it over the years. The duo did briefly touch on the foundation in their statement, saying that they "continue to share a belief in that mission and will continue [their] work together at the foundation," but didn't divulge any more specific details.

While the couple says that they will remain committed to their foundation, it's possible that they'll want to make some changes to the name and their roles within it. [Celebrity divorce lawyer](#) Christopher C. Melcher has shared his expert insight with Nicki Swift regarding what changes the Gates might make when it comes to their foundation.

Bill and Melinda Gates may change the name of their foundation



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After announcing their divorce on May 3, 2021, many people are wondering how Bill and Melinda Gates will continue working on their nonprofit organization, the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. While they stated that they will remain committed to the foundation in their official statement, celebrity divorce lawyer Christopher C. Melcher of top family law firm Walzer Melcher LLP has divulged some expert insight into the big change that the couple may want to make with the foundation.

"Bill and Melinda have dedicated much of their lives, and their money, to the foundation so they will want to make sure it continues despite the breakup of their marriage," [top family law attorney](#) Christopher C. Melcher explained of the foundation, adding that "the funding cannot be removed, which ensures its survival."

"They may want to change its name to reflect that they are no longer a couple," Melcher said of a big possible change that they might make. And, because of their divorce, Melcher thinks that Bill and Melinda may want to forge different roles in the foundation moving forward. "Because they were not able to continue as marital partners, it remains to be seen if they can continue

leading their foundation," he explained, adding that "they may find it easier to have separate roles or endeavors within the foundation."