

ARTICLE 45.

HUSBAND AND WIFE.

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Wife's property not liable for husband's debt. Property passing from one spouse to the other may not prejudice rights of subsisting creditors, but creditors must assert claims within three years. 2. Rights of creditors in cases of conveyance from husband to wife, directly or indirectly. 3. Trustee not necessary to married woman for security and separate use of her property. May have trustee if she desires. 4. Married women may hold property as if unmarried; same power to convey as husbands. 5. Married women may engage in business, contract, sue and be sued upon contracts and for torts, as if unmarried. 6. Rights of widow to dower in lands held by legal or equitable title by husband during coverture. 7. Husbands shall acquire estate for life in one-third of wife's lands; husband's dower. 8. Married woman may insure life of husband for her sole use. Husband may cause his life to be insured for wife's sole use. Such insurance to be free from all claims of husband's representatives or his creditors. 9. Policies taken out or assigned for benefit of wife, children or dependent relative to be free from claims of creditors of insured. 10. After wife's death, how such insurance payable. | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 11. Receipt of any married woman may be a valid discharge to individual or corporation making payment. 12. How husband and wife may relinquish interest or dower respectively. 13. Grant and conveyance of land where married man or woman is insane or has been absent or unheard of for seven years. 14. Husband not liable for ante-nuptial debts of wife. Liability of wife therefor as if she were unmarried. 15. Proceedings at law or in equity may be taken against wife by joining husband thereto as defendant. Husband's estate not liable. 16. Married woman may appoint attorney to act for her. 17. Landlord may levy rent by distress against a married woman, lessee, as if she were <i>feme sole</i>. Re-entry for non-payment of rent. 18. Married woman, as grantee or lessee of deeds of real estate or chattels real, competent to bind herself as if she were <i>feme sole</i> by covenant running with or relating to such estate. 19. Husband in action to recover in right of his wife after her death may declare how the right accrued to his wife and devolved on him. 20. Married woman may contract with husband or form co-partnership with him or with others. Her liability on such contracts. 21. Husband liable for debts validly contracted by wife in his name as at common law. |
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An. Code, 1924, sec. 1. 1912, sec. 1. 1904, sec. 1. 1888, sec. 1. 1892, ch. 267.
1898, ch. 457. 1929, ch. 398.

1. The property, real and personal, belonging to a woman at the time of her marriage, and all the property which she may acquire or receive

For forms of deeds and acknowledgments by husband and wife, see art. 21, secs. 73 and 87.

As to competency of husband or wife of accused to testify in criminal cases, see art. 35, sec. 4.

As to right of husband to sue for slander of his wife, see art. 88, sec. 4.

As to mechanics' liens on buildings erected by husband on wife's land, see art. 63, sec. 10.

As to marriage, see art. 62.

As to prevention of wife from pledging husband's credit, see art. 16, sec. 53.