

1888, art. 16, sec 125. Rule 10.

138. All infants and other persons under any disability to sue may sue by their guardian or committee, if any, or by their *prochein ami*; subject, however, to such orders as the court or judge thereof may direct for the protection of infants and other persons; but before the name of any person shall be used in any suit to be instituted, as next friend of any infant or other party, or as relator in any information, such person shall sign a written authority to the solicitor for that purpose, and such authority shall be filed with the bill or other proceeding.

Ibid. sec. 126. Rule 11.

139. Defendants shall have fifteen days from the time of the return of process served, within which to enter an appearance, before they shall be treated as in default for non-appearance; and from the time of appearance entered, said defendants shall have twenty days within which to answer; and it shall be the duty of the clerk, in all cases in entering the appearance of defendants, to note in the margin of the docket the time of such appearance entered; and if the appearance be by solicitor, and there be more than one defendant, the clerk shall note for which defendant the appearance is entered; and the court or judge thereof may, for special reason shown, extend or enlarge the time to answer, according to the nature and circumstances of the case.

Harrison v. Morton, 87 Md 676. Aukam v. Zantzinger, 94 Md. 425. Reichard v. Izer, 95 Md. 466.

Ibid. sec. 127. Rule 12.

140. Upon service of process, or notice given by publication, as the case may be, the adult defendants, not being insane, shall appear and file their answer, plea or demurrer, to the bill or petition, within the time allowed by this article, or by the terms of the order of publication, or special order for the extension of time; and in default of appearance, or of answer, plea or demurrer, after appearance within the time allowed, the plaintiff may, at his election, obtain an order as of course, that the bill be taken *pro confesso* as against such defendants; and thereupon the cause shall be proceeded with *ex parte* as against the defendants so in fault; and the matter of the bill or petition may be decreed by the court or judge thereof at any time after the lapse of thirty days from the date of the order *pro confesso*, if there be no answer, plea or demurrer interposed, and the allegations of the bill or petition present