

1-207. *Child—adopted.*

(a) *General rule.* An adopted child shall be treated as a natural child of his adopting parent or parents. On adoption, a child shall no longer be deemed a child of either natural parent except that upon adoption by the spouse of a natural parent, the child shall still be deemed the child of such natural parent.

(b) *More than one adoption.* A child who has been adopted more than once shall be deemed to be a child of the parent or parents who have most recently adopted him and shall cease to be deemed a child of his previous parents.

1-208. *Child—illegitimate.*

A person born to parents who have not participated in a marriage ceremony with each other shall be deemed to be the child of his mother. He shall be deemed to be the child of his father only if his father (1) has been judicially determined to be the father in a proceeding brought under Section 66E of Article 16, (2) has acknowledged himself, in writing, to be the father, (3) has openly and notoriously recognized the person to be his child, or (4) has subsequently married the mother and has acknowledged himself, orally or in writing, to be the father.

1-209. *Issue.*

*Issue means every living lineal descendant except a lineal descendant of a living lineal descendant. Any person who is treated as a child of any person pursuant to Sections 1-205 to 1-208 shall be deemed for all purposes as (a) a lineal descendant of such person and (b) subject to the exception in the first sentence of this Section, a lineal descendant of all persons of whom such person is a lineal descendant.*

1-210. *Representation—per stirpes.*

(a) *Intestate succession.* When representation is provided in this Article, the property shall be divided into as many equal shares as there are (1) children or brothers and sisters of the decedent, as the case may be, who survive the decedent and (2) children or brothers and sisters of the decedent, as the case may be, who did not survive the decedent but of whom issue did survive the decedent. A child, or brother or sister, as the case may be, who did survive the decedent shall receive one share, and the share of each deceased child, or brother or sister (leaving issue who did survive the decedent), as the case may be, shall be divided among his issue in the same manner.

(b) *Wills.* Unless a contrary intention expressly appears, when a will provides that upon the occurrence of any event distribution shall be made by representation or per stirpes, the estate shall be divided into as many equal shares as there are, with respect to the particular legacy involved, (1) legatees and (2) persons who would have been legatees had they survived until the occurrence of such event and of whom issue did survive the occurrence of such event. Each legatee shall receive one share and the share of each deceased legatee shall be divided among his issue in the same manner.