4-202. Duty of person having custody of will; liability.

After the death of a testator, any person having custody of his will shall immediately deliver such instrument to the Register for the County in which administration should be had pursuant to Section 5-103. The custodian may, if he desires, also inform any interested parties of the contents of such will. Any custodian who wilfully fails or refuses to deliver a will to the Register after being informed of the death of the testator shall be liable to any person aggrieved for the damages sustained by reason of such failure or refusal.

Part 3—Legatees.

4-301. Who may be a legatee.

Any individual, firm, trust, partnership, unincorporated association, corporation, or any governmental body may be a legatee.

Part 4—Rules Relating to Legacies.

4-401. Legatee failing to survive testator by 30 days.

A legatee, other than his spouse, who fails to survive the testator by 30 full days is deemed to have predeceased the testator, unless the will of the decedent expressly creates a presumption that the legatee is deemed to survive the testator or requires that the legatee survive the testator for any stated period in order to take under the will and the legatee survives for the stated period.

4-402. Presumption that will passes all property; after-acquired property.

A will is presumed to pass all property which the testator owns at his death, including property acquired after the execution of the will.

4-403. Lapse.

Unless a contrary intent is expressly indicated in the will, no legacy shall lapse or fail of taking effect by reason of the death, subsequent to the execution of the will but prior to the death of the testator, of any legatee who is (i) actually and specifically named as legatee, (ii) described or in any manner referred to or designated or identified as legatee in the will, or (iii) a member of any class in whose favor a legacy is made. Such legacy shall have the same effect and operation in law to direct the distribution of the property directly from the estate of the person who owned such property to those persons, who would have taken if said legatee had died, testate or intestate, owning the property.

4-404. Void, inoperative, and renounced legacies.

Unless a contrary intent is expressly indicated in the will, any property failing to pass under a void or otherwise inoperative legacy, and which is not provided for in Section 4-403, and any property which is the subject of a renounced legacy, shall be distributed as part of the estate of the testator to those persons, including legatees, who would have taken said property if the void, inoperative or renounced legacy had not existed. Where a legacy to one of