on the behalf and in the name of the defendant, and take recourse to any appropriate method of review on behalf of, and in the name of, the defendant.

(b) If the time allowed for filing an answer has expired or judgment has been entered by default in the action, the insurer to which the action has been assigned shall be granted a reasonable time after the receipt of notice by the Board to answer or to make application for relief against the judgment and leave to answer and defend the action.

§ 7-618. Collusive judgments.

No claim against the fund shall be allowed in any case in which the court finds, upon the hearing for the allowance of the claim, that the judgment upon which the claim is founded was obtained by fraud, or by collusion of the plaintiff and of any defendant in the action, relating to any matter affecting the cause of action upon which the judgment is founded or the amount of damages assessed therein.

§ 7-619. Assignments of judgments to Board.

- (a) The Treasurer shall not pay any sum from the fund, in compliance with an order made for that purpose, in any case in which the claim is founded upon a judgment, except a judgment obtained against the Board under this part, until the applicant assigns the judgment to the Board, and, thereupon, the Board shall be deemed to have all the rights of the judgment creditor under the judgment and entitled to enforce the same for the full amount thereof with interest and costs, and if more money is collected upon any such judgment than the amount paid out of the fund, the Board shall pay the balance, after reimbursing the fund, to the judgment creditor.
- (b) No assignment of judgment under this part shall be deemed invalid because assigned to the Commissioner rather than to the Board; nor shall any application, action, or judgment under Sections 7-620 to 7-627, inclusive, be deemed invalid because directed to, instituted against, or recovered from the Commissioner rather than the Board; but in every such instance the Board shall be deemed to be substituted in place of the Commissioner wherever reference is made to the latter in the assignment, application, or judgment.

§ 7-620. "Hit-and-run" cases.

When the death of, or personal injury to, any person arises out of the ownership, maintenance or use of a motor vehicle in this State on or after June 1, 1959, but the identity of the motor vehicle and of the operator and owner thereof cannot be ascertained or it is established that the motor vehicle at the time the accident occurred, was in the possession of some person other than the owner without the owner's consent and that the identity of the person cannot be ascertained, any qualified person who would have a cause of action against the operator or owner, or both, in respect to the death or personal injury for a sum in excess of one hundred dollars (\$100.00), exclusive of interests and costs, or the personal representative of such person, may, upon serving notice on the Board in compliance with the Mary-