

must be made to such [informal] action or within which claims must be filed shall be thirty days from the date of [first] publication of such notice.

7-103.

A personal representative shall upon his appointment publish a notice in a newspaper of general circulation in the county of his appointment once a week for three successive weeks, announcing his appointment and address, and notifying creditors of the estate to present their claims. He shall file with the register a certification that he has published such notice as required. Such notice shall be substantially in the following form.

TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN THE ESTATE OF .....  
.....:

This is to give notice that the undersigned,  
..... whose address is .....  
has been appointed personal representative of the estate of .....  
..... who died on .....

All persons having any objection to such appointment (or to the probate of the decedent's will) shall file the same with the Register of Wills of ..... on or before ..... (six months from the date of [first publication] such appointment).

All persons having claims against the decedent must present their claims to the undersigned, or file the same with the said Register of Wills on or before ..... (six months from the date of the first publication.)

Any claim not so filed on or before such date shall be unenforceable thereafter.

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Personal representative

Date of first publication:  
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7-401. General powers.

A personal representative, in the performance of his duties pursuant to Section 7-101, may exercise any power or authority conferred upon him in the will, without application to, the approval of, or ratification by the court. Except as otherwise validly limited by the will or by an order of court a personal representative may, in addition to any power or authority contained in the will and to any other common law or statutory power, properly:

- (a) Retain assets owned by the decedent pending distribution or liquidation, including those in which the representative is personally interested or which are otherwise improper for trust investment;
- (b) Receive assets from fiduciaries or other sources;
- (c) Perform the decedent's contracts that continue as obligations of the estate, and execute and deliver such deeds or other documents under such circumstances as the contract may provide;
- (d) Satisfy written charitable pledges of the decedent;