

*within the later to occur of (i) three months after such later probate, or (ii) six months after the first appointment of a personal representative of any probated will.*

5-403.

(a) When given.—Notice that judicial probate has been requested shall be given promptly by the register to all interested persons as shown in [the petition for probate and] any [other] documents in his file. It shall be the duty of the petitioner to advise the register of the names and addresses of all interested persons [not previously disclosed to the register and] of whom he may learn prior to the granting of judicial probate, and the register shall thereupon give notice to such persons in the manner prescribed by the first sentence of Section 1-103. In addition, the register shall publish a notice in a newspaper of general circulation in the county where judicial probate is requested, once a week for two successive weeks.

5-404.

(a) Conduct of hearing; court's action after hearing.—A hearing for judicial probate shall be a plenary proceeding conducted in accordance with the provisions of Section 2-105. It shall adjudicate the issues raised in such hearing and shall determine the testamentary capacity of the decedent *if he died testate*. After such hearing the court shall appoint one or more personal representatives and shall, if appropriate, revoke, modify or confirm any action taken at the administrative or any prior judicial probate.

(b) Examination of witnesses to will.—Unless the court shall otherwise order, the examination of the witnesses to the will shall be conducted by the [register] court.

5-405.

[After the filing of a request for judicial probate and prior to final determination therein, the powers of any personal representative appointed in an administrative probate shall be unaffected except that (a) he shall make no distribution of property without formal order of the court and (b) the court may, upon allegations of the unfitness of the personal representative so appointed and of danger to interested persons and creditors and after notice to the personal representative and hearing, suspend the powers of the personal representative and appoint a special administrator pending final determination in the judicial probate proceeding.]

5-406.

Except as provided in *Section 5-207 and Section 5-407*, any determination made by the court in a proceeding for judicial probate shall be final and binding as to all persons.

6-102.

(a) When required.—Every personal representative shall execute a bond to the State of Maryland for the benefit of all interested persons and creditors with a surety or sureties approved by the register, unless such bond is expressly excused by the decedent's will