

with reference thereto, whether for any fee, gratuity, gift, or reward or not, except in any such cause, cause of action, proceeding or matter in which he is a [part] PARTY or in the result of which he has a property interest, provided that a judge of the Orphans' Court of Prince George's County, when he is elected to serve a term commencing after June 1, 1965, if duly admitted to the practice of law, may act as an attorney or solicitor and appear before any court of law or equity in this State except an orphans' court, in matters other than those within the jurisdiction of an orphans' court, and which are not related to the administration or settlement of estates and guardianships; the doing of any of the acts made unlawful by this section shall be deemed to be practicing law: Provided, however, that the performance of any positive duty imposed by law upon any of the persons hereinabove named shall not constitute a violation of the terms of this section; and provided further, that nothing in this section shall apply to or affect the settlement of small estates in the Orphans' Court of Prince George's County, as set forth in §§ 5-601 through 5-607 of the Estates and Trusts Article of the Code. In Montgomery County, clerks, sheriffs, or employees of the register of wills shall not be liable to any person with respect to any advice or assistance in the preparation of any statement of claim.

Article 11 - Banks and Trust Companies

37A.

Sections 31, 37, and 40 of this [subtitle] ARTICLE relating to the duties and powers of the office of the Bank Commissioner and relating to the Banking Board are of no effect and may not be enforced after July 1, 1982.

Article 16 - Chancery

49.

When any person charged with the commission of a criminal offense is shown to the satisfaction of the judge before whom he is brought to be suffering from chronic alcoholism, or who is habitually addicted to the use of narcotic drugs as that term is defined in [§ 276] SECTION 277 of Article 27 of this Code as amended from time to time, the judge may commit him to one of the State hospitals for evaluation, treatment and observation, under terms and conditions as he may determine. The commitment shall be for not less than 96 hours or for more than six weeks. The superintendent of the hospital or other facility may terminate the commitment at any time after 96 hours upon his determination that further continued commitment will not be in the best interests of the patient or serve any useful purpose. In the case of a user of narcotic drugs, the commitment shall be made by the judge only after consultation with the superintendent of the mental hospital to which the commitment is to be made.