

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article 10 - Attorneys at Law and Attorneys in Fact

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It shall be unlawful for any sheriff or deputy sheriff, warden or keeper of any jail or any of his deputies, [or any register of wills] or clerk of any court or deputy [register or] clerk, or assistant clerk, appointee or employee of any [register of wills or] clerk of any court or judge of the Orphans' Court of Prince George's County, during the term of his office or employment, and whether duly admitted to the practice of law or not, directly or indirectly, to provide, prepare or assist in the preparation of any paper, form, instrument or document to be filed in or affecting or pertaining to any cause, cause of action, proceeding or matter pending or which may thereafter come before any court of record of Prince George's County, or to give any advice 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 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---Estates-and-Trusts

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{A}--A-REGISTER,-A-DEPUTY-REGISTER,--OR--AN--EMPLOYEE--OF--A REGISTER--MAY-RENDER-ASSISTANCE-TO-THE-PUBLIC-IN-CARRYING-OUT-THE PROCEDURES-PROVIDED-FOR-PROBATE-UNDER-THIS-ARTICLE-

{B}--A-REGISTER,-A-DEPUTY-REGISTER,--OR--AN--EMPLOYEE--OF--A REGISTER--IS--NOT--LIABLE--TO--ANY--PERSON--WITH--RESPECT--TO--ANY ASSISTANCE-RENDERED-BY-THE-REGISTER-OR-THE--REGISTER'S--AGENT--OR EMPLOYEE-IN-THE-PREPARATION-OF-ANY-FORMS-FOR-PROBATE-