

Article – Family Law

Section 1-201

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1991 Replacement Volume and 1996 Supplement)

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

**Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings**

3-801.

(i) "Court" means the circuit court of a county or Baltimore City sitting as the juvenile court. In Montgomery County, it means the District Court sitting as the juvenile court AND FOLLOWING THE APPLICABLE RULES OF THE CIRCUIT COURT.

3-804.

(a) The court has exclusive original jurisdiction over:

(1) A child alleged to be delinquent, in need of supervision, in need of assistance or who has received a citation for a violation; and

(2) [Except in Montgomery County, with] WITH respect to any child who is under the jurisdiction of the juvenile court and previously has been adjudicated a child in need of assistance, all termination of parental rights proceedings and related adoption proceedings.

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(a) An equity court has jurisdiction over:

(1) adoption of a child, except for a child who is under the jurisdiction of any juvenile court [other than the juvenile court for Montgomery County] and who previously has been adjudicated to be a child in need of assistance;

(2) alimony;

(3) annulment of a marriage;

(4) divorce;

(5) custody or guardianship of a child except for a child who is under the jurisdiction of the juvenile court and who previously has been adjudicated to be a child in need of assistance;

(6) visitation of a child;

(7) legitimation of a child;

(8) paternity; and

(9) support of a child.