

3-104.

(a) If there is no surviving issue the net estate exclusive of the share of the surviving spouse, or the entire net estate if there is no surviving spouse, shall be distributed by the personal representative pursuant to the provisions of this section.

(b) ~~It~~ SUBJECT TO §§ 3-111 AND 3-112 OF THIS SUBTITLE, IT shall be distributed to the surviving parents equally, or if only one parent survives, to the survivor; or if neither parent survives, to the issue of the parents, by representation.

3-112.

(A) A SURVIVING PARENT IS NOT ENTITLED UNDER § 3-104 OF THIS SUBTITLE TO A DISTRIBUTION OF THE NET ESTATE OF A MINOR CHILD OF THE PARENT IF THE PARENT:

(1) ABANDONED THE CHILD; OR

(2) WILLFULLY FAILED TO PAY ANY CHILD CONTRIBUTE TO THE SUPPORT FOR OF THE CHILD IN VIOLATION OF A COURT ORDER FOR AT LEAST 3 CONSECUTIVE YEARS IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING THE DEATH OF THE CHILD OR FOR THE LIFE OF THE CHILD, WHICHEVER IS LESS.

(B) A PARENT SHALL BE DEEMED TO HAVE ABANDONED A MINOR CHILD UNDER SUBSECTION (A)(1) OF THIS SECTION IF THE CONDUCT OF THAT THE PARENT DEMONSTRATES A SETTLED PURPOSE TO WILLFULLY AND INTENTIONALLY TO RELINQUISH ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS AND DUTIES WITH RESPECT TO THE CHILD AND TO RENOUNCE AND FORSAKE THE CHILD ENTIRELY.

5-104.

In granting letters in administrative or judicial probate, or in appointing a successor personal representative, or a special administrator as provided in Subtitle 4 of Title 6, the court and register shall observe the following order of priority, with any person in any one of the following paragraphs considered as a class:

(1) The personal representatives named in a will admitted to probate;

(2) The surviving spouse and children of an intestate decedent, or the surviving spouse of a testate decedent;

(3) The residuary legatees;

(4) The children of a testate decedent who are entitled to share in the estate;

(5) The grandchildren of the decedent who are entitled to share in the estate;

(6) [The] SUBJECT TO §§ 3-111 AND 3-112 OF THIS ARTICLE, THE parents of the decedent who are entitled to share in the estate;

(7) The brothers and sisters of the decedent who are entitled to share in the estate;