

6-403. *Powers and duties.*

A special administrator shall have the duty to collect, manage and preserve property and to account therefor to the personal representative upon his appointment. A special administrator has all powers necessary to collect, manage and preserve property. In addition, a special administrator has such other of the powers enumerated in Sections 7-401 and 7-402 as may be designated from time to time by Court order.

6-404. *Termination of appointment.*

The appointment of a special administrator terminates either upon the appointment of a personal representative or in the manner prescribed in Part 3 of this subtitle; and the powers of a special administrator may be suspended or terminated in the same manner as is prescribed in Part 3 of this subtitle for the suspension and termination of the powers, or the removal, of a personal representative.

SUBTITLE VII

ADMINISTRATION OF THE ESTATE

Part 1—*Duties of Personal Representative; Notice of Appointment to Heirs, Legatees and Creditors.*7-101. *Duties of personal representative—generally; time for distribution of assets.*

(a) *Fiduciary responsibility.* A personal representative is a fiduciary who, in addition to the specific duties expressed in this Article, is under a general duty to settle and distribute the estate of the decedent in accordance with the terms of the will and this Article as expeditiously and with as little sacrifice of value as is reasonable under all of the circumstances. He shall use the authority conferred upon him by this Article, by the terms of the will, if any, by any order in proceedings to which he is party, and by the equitable principles generally applicable to fiduciaries, fairly considering the interests of all interested persons and creditors.

(b) *Time for distribution.* Unless the time of distribution shall be extended by order of Court for good cause shown, the personal representative shall distribute all the assets of the estate of which he has taken possession or control within the time provided in subsections (a)(i) and (b) of Section 7-305 for rendering his first account.

(c) *Indemnity.* The personal representative shall suffer no personal liability on account of his payment of claims or distribution of assets if he has not taken into consideration claims for injuries to the person prosecuted under the provisions of Sections 8-103(c) or 8-104(c), if at the time of payment or distribution, (i) he had no actual knowledge thereof, and (ii) the plaintiff had not timely filed his claim with the Register.

7-102. *Duties of personal representative—possession and control of estate.*

Every personal representative has a right to, and shall take, possession or control of the decedent's estate, except that property in