

7-603. *Expenses of estate litigation.*

When any personal representative or person nominated as personal representative defends or prosecutes any proceeding in good faith and with just cause, whether successful or not, he shall be entitled to receive from the estate his necessary expenses and disbursements.

SUBTITLE VIII

CREDITORS' CLAIMS

8-101. *Claim not paid in normal course of administration.*

No proceeding to enforce a claim against a decedent's estate may be revived or commenced before the appointment of a personal representative. After appointment, and until the estate is closed, the procedures prescribed by Section 8-104 shall be followed. After the estate is closed, a creditor whose claim has not been barred may recover directly from the persons to whom property has been distributed as provided in Section ~~10-102~~ 10-102, or from a former personal representative individually as provided in Section ~~10-104~~ 10-103.

8-102. *Effect of statute of limitations.*

No claim which was barred by any statute of limitations at the time of the decedent's death shall be allowed or paid. Subject to Section 8-103(a), any period of limitations which would terminate, except for the decedent's death, during the ~~four~~ SIX months period following the ~~decedent's death~~ DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLISHED NOTICE TO CREDITORS shall automatically be extended for an additional ~~four~~ SIX months after its original termination date.

8-103. *Limitation on presentation of claim.*

(a) Requirement of presentation; time; limitation. Except as otherwise expressly provided by statute with respect to claims of the United States and the State of Maryland, all claims against a decedent's estate, whether due or to become due, absolute or contingent, liquidated or unliquidated, founded on contract, tort, or other legal basis, shall be forever barred against the estate, the personal representative, and the heirs and legatees, unless presented within ~~four~~ SIX months after the date of the first published notice to creditors, or if notice to creditors has not been published, within the expiration of the period of limitations otherwise applicable. A claim for slander against a decedent's estate, which arose before the death of the decedent, shall be barred unless an action was commenced against and service of process was effected on the decedent before his death. A claim against the estate based on the conduct of or a contract with the personal representative shall be barred unless an action is commenced against the estate within six (6) months of the date the claim arose.

(b) Liens not affected. Nothing in this Section shall affect or prevent any action or proceeding to enforce any mortgage, pledge, judgment or other lien, or security interest upon property of the estate.

(c) Action for personal injuries instituted before death. Nothing in this Section shall affect an action for injuries to the person AND/