

1-102. *Verification.*

*When a writing is required by this Article to be verified, verification shall be sufficient if the writing is signed by the person required to make the verification and contains the following representation:*

*I do solemnly declare and affirm under the penalties of perjury that the contents of the foregoing document are true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information and belief.*

1-103. *Notice.*

*Unless personal service or notice by publication is expressly required in this Article or by the Maryland Rules, the first notice required or permitted to be given to any person under this Article shall be sufficient if deposited as registered or certified mail, postage prepaid, return receipt requested, addressed to the addressee at the address last known to the sender, with delivery restricted to the addressee. Any subsequent notice to such person in accordance with this Article shall be sufficient if deposited as ordinary mail, postage prepaid, addressed to the same address at which the first notice was received, as evidenced by return through the post office of the return receipt for such notice, or, after notice in writing from the said addressee of a change of address, to his new address. If no return receipt is received apparently signed by the addressee, and there is no proof of actual notice, no action taken in any proceeding under this Article shall prejudice the rights of the person entitled to notice unless proof is made by verified writing to the satisfaction of the Court or Register that reasonable efforts to locate the addressee and warn him of the pendency of the action have been made.*

1-104. *Gender; singular or plural number.*

*Unless otherwise apparent from the context: words of the masculine gender include the feminine and neuter; words in the singular number include the plural; and words in the plural number include the singular.*

1-105. *Construction of Article.*

(a) *Purposes.* *The purposes of this Article are to simplify the administration of estates, to reduce the expenses of administration, to clarify the law governing decedents' estates, and to eliminate certain provisions of existing law which are archaic, often meaningless under modern procedures and no longer useful. This Article shall be liberally construed and applied to promote its underlying purposes.*

(b) *Severability.* *If any provision or clause of this Article, or application thereof, to any person or circumstances is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of the Article which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this Article are declared to be severable.*

(c) *Presumption.* *Unless otherwise expressly provided, whenever this Article states that a fact shall be presumed, the presumption is rebuttable.*