

**524.3-104 CLAIMS AGAINST DECEDENT; NECESSITY OF ADMINISTRATION.**

No proceeding to enforce a claim against the estate of a decedent or the decedent's successors may be revived or commenced before the appointment of a personal representative. After the appointment and until distribution, all proceedings and actions to enforce a claim against the estate are governed by this article. After distribution a creditor whose claim has not been barred may recover from the distributees as provided in section 524.3-1004 or from a former personal representative individually liable as provided in section 524.3-1005. This section has no application to a proceeding by a secured creditor of the decedent to enforce the creditor's right to the security except as to any deficiency judgment which might be sought therein.

**History:** 1974 c 442 art 3 s 524.3-104; 1975 c 347 s 25; 1986 c 444