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I am pleased to issue “part one” of *Delaware Estate Administration*, which memorializes the policy and procedures of this Office.

The entire outline for *Delaware Estate Administration* is enclosed, with the highlighted sections comprising this “part one”.

Items of note:

1. We have established an **affidavit in lieu of receipts**, whereby a one-page affidavit can substitute for the reams of receipts. I anticipate that this will reduce the turn-around time **from months to days** for **one-third** of the accountings filed.
2. We have essentially “banned the box”. We have provided a safeguarded pathway by which some convicted felons may serve as personal representatives.
3. When a third-party petitions to open an estate, formal notice must be given to the spouse (if no Will) or to the executor (if a Will).

Technical items:

4. Paper documents (such as the death certificate or Will) must be filed conventionally within ten business days after the documents have been e-filed to the docket.
5. Beneficiary Notices (Form NC-1) may now be e-filed as a batch, and not as separate documents.

“Part one” of *Delaware Estate Administration* is the acting policy and procedures in effect immediately for this Office. Comments and corrections should be sent to wills@nccde.org, through December 31, 2015. We will give all comments careful deliberation and thereby issue a final edition.

I have ambitiously styled this as estate practice in “Delaware”. Obviously, I only have authority here in New Castle. However, Register Harold Brode in Kent County and Register Cindy Green in Sussex County are committed to turning the final edition into a **uniform action statewide**.

In fact, I happily report that Register Brode has adopted this “part one” as the acting policy in Kent.

With appreciation to all who have contributed, it is SO ORDERED.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "C. Poppiti III". The signature is written in a cursive, somewhat stylized font.

Ciro Poppiti, III