700.3808 Individual liability of personal representative.

Sec. 3808. (1) Unless otherwise provided in the contract, a personal representative is not individually liable on a contract properly entered into in the personal representative's fiduciary capacity in the course of administration of the estate unless the personal representative fails to reveal his or her representative capacity and to identify the estate in the contract.

(2) A personal representative is individually liable for an obligation arising from ownership or control of the estate or for a tort committed in the course of estate administration only if the personal representative is personally at fault.

(3) A claim based on a contract entered into by a personal representative in the personal representative's fiduciary capacity, on an obligation arising from ownership or control of the estate, or on a tort committed in the course of estate administration may be asserted against the estate by proceeding against the personal representative in the personal representative's fiduciary capacity, whether or not the personal representative is individually liable.

(4) An issue of liability between the estate and the personal representative individually may be determined in a proceeding for accounting, surcharge, or indemnification or in another appropriate proceeding.


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