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§5-301.

- (a) In this subtitle the following words have the meanings indicated.
- (b) “Caregiver” means a person with whom a child resides and who exercises responsibility for the welfare of the child.
- (c) “Child” means an individual who is the subject of a guardianship or adoption petition under this subtitle.
- (d) “Guardianship” means an award, under this subtitle, of any power of a guardian.
- (e) “Identifying information” means information that reveals the identity or location of an individual.
- (f) (1) “Parent” means an individual who, at the time a petition for guardianship is filed under this subtitle or at any time before a court terminates the individual’s parental rights:
 - (i) meets a criterion in § 5-306(a) of this subtitle; or
 - (ii) is the mother.(2) “Parent” does not include an individual whom a court has adjudicated not to be a father or mother of a child.
- (g) “Party” means:
 - (1) in a guardianship case under this subtitle:
 - (i) the child;
 - (ii) except as provided in § 5-326(a)(3)(iii) of this subtitle, the child’s parent; and
 - (iii) the local department to which the child is committed;
 - (2) in an adoption case under Part III of this subtitle:
 - (i) the child;
 - (ii) the child’s parent; and
 - (iii) the individual seeking adoption;

(3) in an adoption case under Part IV of this subtitle:

(i) the child; and

(ii) the individual seeking adoption; and

(4) if express reference is made to a CINA case, a governmental unit or person defined as a party in § 3-801 of the Courts Article.

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