

from its authority to probate and construe the domiciliary's will, under which the foreign assets might pass, were a sufficient basis of *in rem* jurisdiction and decided they were not.<sup>941</sup> The effect of *International Shoe* in this area is still to be discerned.

The reasoning of the *Pennoyer*<sup>942</sup> rule, that seizure of property and publication was sufficient to give notice to nonresidents or absent defendants, has also been applied in proceedings for the forfeiture of abandoned property. If all known claimants were personally served and all claimants who were unknown or nonresident were given constructive notice by publication, judgments in these proceedings were held binding on all.<sup>943</sup> But, in *Mullane v. Central Hanover Bank & Trust Co.*,<sup>944</sup> the Court, while declining to characterize the proceeding as *in rem* or *in personam*, held that a bank managing a common trust fund in favor of nonresident as well as resident beneficiaries could not obtain a judicial settlement of accounts if the only notice was publication in a local paper. Although such notice by publication was sufficient as to beneficiaries whose interests or addresses were unknown to the bank, the Court held that it was feasible to make serious efforts to notify residents and nonresidents whose whereabouts were known, such as by mailing notice to the addresses on record with the bank.<sup>945</sup>

**Notice: Service of Process.**—Before a state may legitimately exercise control over persons and property, the state's jurisdiction must be perfected by an appropriate service of process that is effective to notify all parties of proceedings that may affect their rights.<sup>946</sup> Personal service guarantees actual notice of the pendency of a le-

<sup>941</sup> 357 U.S. at 247–50. The four dissenters, Justices Black, Burton, Brennan, and Douglas, believed that the transfer in Florida of \$400,000 made by a domiciliary and affecting beneficiaries, almost all of whom lived in that state, gave rise to a sufficient connection with Florida to support an adjudication by its courts of the effectiveness of the transfer. 357 U.S. at 256, 262.

<sup>942</sup> See discussion of *Pennoyer*, *supra*.

<sup>943</sup> *Hamilton v. Brown*, 161 U.S. 256 (1896); *Security Savings Bank v. California*, 263 U.S. 282 (1923). See also *Voeller v. Neilston Co.*, 311 U.S. 531 (1941).

<sup>944</sup> 339 U.S. 306 (1950).

<sup>945</sup> A related question is which state has the authority to escheat a corporate debt. See *Western Union Tel. Co. v. Pennsylvania*, 368 U.S. 71 (1961); *Texas v. New Jersey*, 379 U.S. 674 (1965). Where a state seeks to escheat intangible corporate property such as uncollected debt, the Court found that the multiplicity of states with a possible interest made a "contacts" test unworkable. Citing ease of administration rather than logic or jurisdiction, the Court held that the authority to take the uncollected claims against a corporation by escheat would be based on whether the last known address on the company's books for the each creditor was in a particular state.

<sup>946</sup> "An elementary and fundamental requirement of due process in any proceeding which is to be accorded finality is notice reasonably calculated, under all the circumstances, to apprise interested parties of the pendency of the action and afford them an opportunity to present their objections." *Mullane v. Central Hanover Bank*