STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1971 No. 1954 (L. 43)

MATRIMONIAL CAUSES

COUNTY COURTS

The Divorce County Courts Order 1971

Made - - - *29th November* 1971

Coming into Operation *1st January* 1972

The Lord Chancellor, in exercise of the powers conferred on him by section 1(1) of the Matrimonial Causes Act 1967(a) and section 2 of the County Courts Act 1959(b), hereby makes the following Order:—

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Divorce County Courts Order 1971 and shall come into operation on 1st January 1972.

(2) The Interpretation Act 1889(c) shall apply to the interpretation of this Order as it applies to the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

2. The county courts mentioned in Schedule 1 are hereby designated as divorce county courts, and those marked "T" shall be courts of trial for the purposes of section 1(1) of the Matrimonial Causes Act 1967.

3. In the case of the county courts mentioned in Column 1 of Schedule 2 (being courts held at more than one place) the jurisdiction conferred by virtue of paragraph 2 of this Order shall be exercised only at the places mentioned in Column 2 of that Schedule opposite the names of those courts.

4. The Orders specified in Schedule 3 are hereby revoked.

Dated 29th November 1971.

Hailsham of St. Marylebone, C.

(a) 1967 c. 56. (b) 1959 c. 22. (c) 1889 c. 63.

SCHEDULE 1

Divorce County Courts and Courts of Trial

Aberystwyth (T)
Barnet (T)
Barnsley (T)
Barnstaple
Barrow in Furness and Ulverston (T)
Bath (T)
Bedford (T)
Birkenhead
Birmingham (T)
Blackburn (T)
Blackpool (T)
Bodmin (T)
Bolton (T)
Boston
Bournemouth (T)
Bradford (T)
Bridgend (T)
Brighton (T)
Bristol (T)
Bromley (T)
Burnley (T)
Bury
Caernarvon (T)
Cambridge (T)
Canterbury (T)
Cardiff (T)
Carlisle (T)
Carmarthen (T)
Chester (T)
Chesterfield
Chichester (T)
Coventry (T)
Crewe
Croydon (T)
Darlington
Derby (T)
Dewsbury
Doncaster (T)
Dudley
Durham (T)
Eastbourne
Edmonton (T)
Epsom (T)
Exeter (T)
Gloucester (T)
Great Grimsby (T)
Guildford (T)
Halifax
Harlow (T)
Harrogate (T)
Hastings
Hereford (T)
Huddersfield
Ilford (T)
Ipswich (T)
Keighley
Kendal
Kingston upon Hull (T)
Kingston upon Thames (T)
Lancaster (T)
Leeds (T)
Leicester (T)
Lincoln (T)
Liverpool (T)
Luton (T)
Maidstone (T)
Manchester (T)
Merthyr Tydfil
Newcastle upon Tyne (T)
Newport (Mon.) (T)
Newport, Isle of Wight (T)
Northampton (T)
Norwich (T)
Nottingham (T)
Oldham (T)
Oxford (T)
Peterborough (T)
Plymouth (T)
Pontefract
Pontypridd and Ystradyfodwg (T)
Portsmouth (T)
Preston (T)
Reading (T)
Rhyl (T)
Rochdale
Rochester (T)
Saint Helens
Salford (T)
Scarborough
Scunthorpe
Sheffield (T)
Shrewsbury (T)
Slough (T)
Southampton (T)
Southend (T)
Southport
Stafford
Stockport (T)
Stockton on Tees (T)
Stoke on Trent (T)
Sunderland (T)
Swansea (T)
Swindon (T)
Taunton (T)
Torquay (T)
Truro and Falmouth (T)
Tunbridge Wells (T)
Wakefield
Walsall
Warrington (T)
Watford (T)
Wigan (T)
Winchester (T)
Wolverhampton (T)
Worcester (T)
Worthing (T)
Wrexham (T)
Yeovil
York (T)

SCHEDULE 2

COURTS HELD AT MORE THAN ONE PLACE

Column 1	*Column* 2
Barrow in Furness and Ulverston	Barrow in Furness
Chichester	Chichester
Darlington	Darlington
Norwich	Norwich
Peterborough	Peterborough
Plymouth	Plymouth
Pontypridd and Ystradyfodwg	Pontypridd
Swindon	Swindon
Truro and Falmouth	Truro

SCHEDULE 3

ORDERS REVOKED

Title	*Reference*
The Divorce County Courts Order 1968	S.I. 1968/314 (1968 I, p. 940)
The Divorce County Courts (Amendment) Order 1968	S.I. 1968/1934 (1968 III, p. 5244)
The Divorce County Courts (Amendment) Order 1969	S.I. 1969/1816 (1969 III, p. 5636)
The Divorce County Courts (Amendment) Order 1970	S.I. 1970/2032 (1970 III, p. 6624)

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(*This Note is not part of the Order.*)

This Order supersedes the Divorce County Courts Order 1968 consolidating a number of amending Orders. The Order designates the divorce county courts in which matrimonial causes may be commenced in pursuance of the Matrimonial Causes Act 1967. The courts marked "T" in Schedule 1 are those at which undefended matrimonial causes may be tried. The courts mentioned in Schedule 2 are held at more than one place and jurisdiction under the Act is exercisable only at the places mentioned in Column 2 of that Schedule. The Harlow County Court is designated as a divorce county court, and the Chichester, Great Grimsby, Harlow, Harrogate and Lancaster County Courts have been added to the list of those at which undefended causes may be tried.