STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1978 No. 1759 (L. 37)

MATRIMONIAL CAUSES

COUNTY COURTS

The Divorce County Courts Order 1978

Made - - - -	30*th November* 1978
Coming into Operation	2*nd January* 1979

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

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Divorce County Courts Order 1978 and shall come into operation on 2nd January 1979.

(2) The Interpretation Act 1978**(b)** shall apply to this Order as it applies to subordinate legislation made after the commencement of that Act.

2. For the purposes of section 1(1) of the Matrimonial Causes Act 1967 the county courts mentioned in Part I of Schedule 1 of this Order are hereby designated as divorce county courts and courts of trial and the court mentioned in Part II of Schedule 1 is hereby designated as a divorce county court.

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.

Elwyn-Jones, C.

Dated 30th November 1978.

(a) 1967 c. 56.

(b) 1978 c. 30.

MATRIMONIAL CAUSES COUNTY COURTS

SCHEDULE 1

PART I

DIVORCE COUNTY COURTS WHICH ARE ALSO COURTS OF TRIAL

Aberystwyth
Accrington
Altrincham
Andover
Barnet
Barnsley
Barnstaple
Barrow in Furness and Ulverston
Basingstoke
Bath
Bedford
Birkenhead
Birmingham
Bishop Auckland
Blackburn
Blackpool
Blackwood
Bodmin
Bolton
Boston
Bournemouth
Bow
Bradford
Brentford
Bridgend
Brighton
Bristol
Bromley
Burnley
Burton-on-Trent
Bury
Caernarvon
Camborne and Redruth
Cambridge
Canterbury
Cardiff
Carlisle
Carmarthen
Chelmsford
Chester
Chesterfield
Chichester
Chippenham
Chorley
Colchester
Consett
Coventry
Crewe
Croydon
Darlington
Derby
Dewsbury
Doncaster
Dudley
Durham
Edmonton
Epsom
Exeter
Gateshead
Gloucester
Great Grimsby
Guildford
Halifax
Harlow
Harrogate
Hartlepool
Hastings
Haverfordwest
Hereford
Hitchin
Horsham
Huddersfield
Ilford
Ipswich
Keighley
Kendal
Kings Lynn
Kingston-upon-Hull
Kingston-upon-Thames
Lancaster
Leeds
Leicester
Leigh
Lincoln
Liverpool
Llanelli
Luton
Macclesfield
Maidstone
Manchester
Mansfield
Medway
Merthyr Tydfil
Middlesbrough
Neath and Port Talbot
Nelson
Newcastle-upon-Tyne
Newport (Gwent)
Newport, Isle of Wight
Northampton
North Shields
Norwich
Nottingham
Oldham
Oxford
Penrith
Peterborough
Plymouth
Pontefract
Pontypridd
Portsmouth
Preston
Rawtenstall
Reading

Reigate
Rhyl
Rochdale
Rotherham
Runcorn
St. Helens
Salford
Salisbury
Scarborough
Scunthorpe
Sheffield
Shrewsbury
Skipton
Slough
Southampton
Southend
Southport
South Shields
Stafford
Staines
Stockport
Stockton-on-Tees
Stoke-on-Trent
Sunderland
Swansea
Swindon
Taunton
Torquay
Truro
Tunbridge Wells
Uxbridge
Wakefield
Walsall
Wandsworth
Warrington
Watford
Welshpool
West Bromwich
Weymouth
Whitehaven
Wigan
Willesden
Winchester
Wolverhampton
Worcester
Workington
Worthing
Wrexham
Yeovil
York

PART II

DIVORCE COUNTY COURTS WHICH ARE NOT COURTS OF TRIAL

Eastbourne

SCHEDULE 2

COURTS HELD AT MORE THAN ONE PLACE

Column 1	*Column* 2
Barnstaple	Barnstaple
Chichester	Chichester
Darlington	Darlington
Kings Lynn	Kings Lynn
Norwich	Norwich
Peterborough	Peterborough
Plymouth	Plymouth
Swindon	Swindon

SCHEDULE 3

ORDERS REVOKED

Title	*Reference*
The Divorce County Courts Order 1971	S.I. 1971/1954
The Divorce County Courts (Amendment) Order 1972	S.I. 1972/1746
The Divorce County Courts (Amendment) Order 1973	S.I. 1973/1278
The Divorce County Courts (Amendment) Order 1974	S.I. 1974/1004
The Divorce County Courts (Amendment) Order 1975	S.I. 1975/1002
The Divorce County Courts (Amendment No. 2) Order 1975 ...	S.I. 1975/1869
The Divorce County Courts (Amendment) Order 1976	S.I. 1976/17
The Divorce County Courts (Amendment No. 2) Order 1976 ...	S.I. 1976/676
The Divorce County Courts (Amendment No. 3) Order 1976 ...	S.I. 1976/1222
The Divorce County Courts (Amendment No. 4) Order 1976 ...	S.I. 1976/2233
The Divorce County Courts (Amendment) Order 1977	S.I. 1977/939
The Divorce County Courts (Amendment No. 2) Order 1977 ...	S.I. 1977/1624
The Divorce County Courts (Amendment) Order 1978	S.I. 1978/818

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Order.)

This Order supersedes the Divorce County Courts Order 1971 and subsequent amending Orders. The Order designates the divorce county courts in which matrimonial causes may be commenced and those at which undefended matrimonial causes may be tried in pursuance of the Matrimonial Causes Act 1967. 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. Basingstoke, Bow, Camborne and Redruth, Chippenham, Consett, Neath and Port Talbot and Salisbury County Courts have been added to those designated as divorce county courts and courts of trial, and Workington County Court has been made a court of trial.

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