

1984 No. 420

MATRIMONIAL CAUSES

SUPREME COURT

COUNTY COURT

The Matrimonial Causes Fees (Amendment) Order  
(Northern Ireland) 1984

Made . . . . . 3rd December 1984

Coming into operation . . . . . 2nd January 1985

The Lord Chancellor, in exercise of the powers conferred on him by section 116(1) of the Judicature (Northern Ireland) Act 1978(a) and sections 2 and 3 of the Public Offices Fees Act 1879(b), after consultation with the Lord Chief Justice and with the concurrence of the Treasury, hereby makes the following Order:—

1. This Order may be cited as the Matrimonial Causes Fees (Amendment) Order (Northern Ireland) 1984 and shall come into operation on 2nd January 1985.

2. In the Schedule to the Matrimonial Causes Fees Order (Northern Ireland) 1981(c), the following provision shall be substituted for item 2 of Column 1 and for the entries in Columns 2 and 3 relating thereto:—

“2. On presenting any petition other than a second petition presented with leave granted under rule 10(3)—

(a) when the petition is presented to the High Court

50·00 The filed copy

(b) when the petition is presented to a divorce county court

40·00 The filed copy”

Dated 3rd December 1984.

*Hailsham of St. Marylebone, C.*

We concur

*T. Garel-Jones*

*Donald Thompson*

Two of the Lords Commissioners  
of Her Majesty’s Treasury

Dated 6th December 1984.

(a) 1978 c. 23  
(b) 1879 c. 58  
(c) S.R. 1981 No. 195

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

This Order—

- (i) makes a distinction between the fee to be taken on presentation of a matrimonial petition to the High Court and a divorce county court, and
- (ii) increases the fee to be taken on presentation of a matrimonial petition to the High Court from £40·00 to £50·00.

The fee to be taken on presentation of a matrimonial petition to a divorce county court remains £40·00.