



IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE IN NORTHERN IRELAND  
FAMILY DIVISION<sup>1</sup>

IN THE COUNTY COURT FOR THE DIVISION OF

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THE PETITION OF  
(*full name of Petitioner*)<sup>2</sup>

1. On the (date of marriage according to marriage certificate) the Petitioner

(*full name of Petitioner according to marriage certificate {referred to in marriage certificate as* }<sup>3</sup>)

was lawfully married to

(*full name of Respondent according to marriage certificate [hereinafter called the "Respondent"] {referred to in marriage certificate as* }<sup>3</sup>)

at

(*full name of church according to marriage certificate*).

2. The Petitioner and Respondent last lived together as husband and wife at

(*address couple lived together*).

3. The Court has Jurisdiction under Article 3 (1) of the Council Regulation 2201/2003 on the following ground(s):<sup>4</sup>

- (a) The petitioner and respondent are both habitually resident in Northern Ireland;
- (b) The petitioner and respondent were last habitually resident in Northern Ireland and the petitioner/ respondent<sup>5</sup> still resides there;
- (c) The respondent is habitually resident in Northern Ireland;
- (d) The petitioner is habitually resident in Northern Ireland and has resided there for at least one year immediately prior to the presentation of the petition;<sup>6</sup>

(e) The petitioner is domiciled and habitually resident in Northern Ireland and has resided there for at least six months immediately prior to the presentation of the petition;<sup>7</sup>

or

(f) The petitioner and the respondent are both domiciled in Northern Ireland.<sup>8</sup>

*The court has jurisdiction other than under Council Regulation on the basis that no Contracting State has jurisdiction under the Council Regulation and the Petitioner/ Respondent is domiciled in Northern Ireland on the date when this Petition is issued.*

4. The Petitioner is by occupation a *(Petitioner's*  
*occupation)* and resides at  
*(Petitioner's address).*<sup>9</sup>

The Respondent is by occupation *(a respondent's*  
*occupation)* and resides at  
*(respondent's address).*<sup>10</sup>

5. There are no children of the family now living, except .<sup>11</sup>

6. No other child now living has been born to the Petitioner/ Respondent during  
the marriage (so far as is known to the Petitioner) except .<sup>12</sup>

7. No periodical payment order or secured periodical payments order is sought for any child of the family except for on the grounds that .<sup>13</sup>

8. There are or have been no other proceedings in any court in Northern Ireland or elsewhere with reference to the marriage (or any child of the family) or between the Petitioner and Respondent with reference to any property of either or both of them except <sup>14</sup>

9. No application in respect of any child of the family has been made to the Child Support Agency for a maintenance assessment under the Child Support (Northern Ireland) Order 1991 except .<sup>15</sup>

10. There are no proceedings continuing in any country outside Northern Ireland which are in respect of the marriage or are capable of affecting its validity or subsistence except <sup>16</sup>

11. No agreement or arrangement has been made or is proposed to be made between the parties for the support of the Petitioner/ Respondent (and any child of the family) except <sup>17</sup>

12. The said marriage has broken down irretrievably.<sup>18</sup>

13. <sup>19</sup>

14. <sup>20</sup>

PRAYER<sup>21</sup>

The Petitioner therefore prays

1. The said marriage be *dissolved/ judicially separated*<sup>22</sup>
2. The Petitioner may be granted . 23
3. That the Respondent/ Co-Respondent<sup>24</sup> may be ordered to pay the costs/ half costs<sup>25</sup> of this suit.
4. That the Petitioner may be granted the following ancillary relief:
  - An order for maintenance pending suit and thereafter, a periodical payments order, a secured provision order, a lump sum order.<sup>26</sup>
  - A periodical payments order
  - A secured provision order for the Children
  - A lump sum order
  - A property adjustment order in relation to . 27
  - A Pension Sharing Order/ Attachment Order pursuant to Article 26A, Article 27B or 27C of The Matrimonial Causes (NI) Order 1978 as amended by the Welfare Reform and Pensions (NI) Order 1999.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_<sup>28</sup>

The name and address of the person/s to be served with this petition are:

Respondent: 29

Co-Respondent: 30

The petitioners 31  
address for service:

Dated this 32

Address all communications for the court to:

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