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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**1978 No. 1045**

**Matrimonial Causes (Northern Ireland) Order 1978**

**PART II**

**DIVORCE, NULLITY AND OTHER MATRIMONIAL SUITS**

*Divorce*

**Intervention by Crown Solicitor**

**10.**—(1) In the case of a petition for divorce—

- (a) the court may, if it thinks fit, direct all necessary papers in the matter to be sent to the Crown Solicitor for Northern Ireland (“the Crown Solicitor”), who shall, under the directions of the Attorney-General, instruct counsel to argue before the court any question in relation to the matter which the court considers it necessary or expedient to have fully argued;
- (b) any person may at any time during the progress of the proceedings or before the decree nisi is made absolute give information to the Crown Solicitor on any matter material to the due decision of the case, and the Crown Solicitor may thereupon take such steps as the Attorney-General considers necessary or expedient.

(2) Where the Crown Solicitor intervenes or shows cause against a decree nisi in any proceedings for divorce, the court may make such order as may be just as to the payment by other parties to the proceedings of the costs incurred by him in so doing or as to the payment by him of any costs incurred by any of those parties by reason of his so doing.

**Changes to legislation:**

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Matrimonial Causes (Northern Ireland) Order 1978, Section 10.