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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**1989 No. 677**

**The Matrimonial and Family Proceedings  
(Northern Ireland) Order 1989**

**PART IV**

**FINANCIAL RELIEF IN NORTHERN  
IRELAND AFTER OVERSEAS DIVORCE ETC.**

Applications for financial relief

**Leave of the court required for applications for financial relief**

17.—(1) No application for an order for financial relief shall be made under this Part unless the leave of the court has been obtained in accordance with rules of court; and the court shall not grant leave unless it considers that there is substantial ground for the making of an application for such an order.

(2) The court may grant leave under this Article notwithstanding that an order has been made by a court in a country outside Northern Ireland requiring the other party to the marriage to make any payment or transfer any property to the applicant or a child of the family.

(3) Leave under this Article may be granted subject to such conditions as the court thinks fit.

**Changes to legislation:**

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the The Matrimonial and Family Proceedings (Northern Ireland) Order 1989, Section 17.