

1970 No. 2032 (L.45)

**MATRIMONIAL CAUSES**

**COUNTY COURTS**

**The Divorce County Courts (Amendment) Order 1970**

*Made* - - - - 22nd December 1970

*Coming into Operation* 18th January 1971

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 (Amendment) Order 1970 and shall come into operation on 18th January 1971.

(2) The Interpretation Act 1889(b) shall apply to the interpretation of this Order as it applies to an Act of Parliament.

2. The Divorce County Courts Order 1968(c), as amended (d), which designates certain courts as divorce county courts and courts of trial for undefended matrimonial causes, shall have effect as further amended by this Order, and a reference in the following paragraphs to a schedule by number means the schedule so numbered in that Order.

3. The Barnet and Epsom County Courts shall be divorce county courts and courts of trial for the purposes of the Matrimonial Causes Act 1967, and the Chichester, Eastbourne, Keighley and Pontefract County Courts shall be divorce county courts, and accordingly the following entries shall be inserted in Schedule 1 in their proper alphabetical order :—

“Barnet (T)”  
“Chichester”  
“Eastbourne”  
“Epsom (T)”  
“Keighley”  
“Pontefract”

(a) 1967 c. 56.

(b) 1889 c. 63.

(c) S.I. 1968/314 (1968 I, p. 940).

(d) S.I. 1968/1934, 1969/1816 (1968 III, p. 5244; 1969 III, p. 5636).

4. The Wigan County Court shall be a court of trial for the purposes of the Matrimonial Causes Act 1967, and accordingly that court shall be marked "(T)" in Schedule 1.

5. For Schedule 2 there shall be substituted the following schedule :—

"SCHEDULE 2

COURTS HELD AT MORE THAN ONE PLACE

<i>Column 1</i>	<i>Column 2</i>
Barrow in Furness and Ulverston	Barrow in Furness
Chichester	Chichester
Darlington	Darlington
Norwich	Norwich
Peterborough	Peterborough
Plymouth	Plymouth
Pontypridd and Ystradyfodwg	Pontypridd
Swindon	Swindon
Truro and Falmouth	Truro"

Dated 22nd December 1970.

*Hailsham of St. Marylebone, C.*

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

This Order further amends the Divorce County Courts Order 1968 by designating the Barnet, Chichester, Eastbourne, Epsom, Keighley and Pontefract County Courts as divorce county courts and adding the Barnet, Epsom and Wigan County Courts to the list of those at which undefended matrimonial causes may be tried. A new Schedule 2 is substituted to take account of changes in names and places at which courts are held as a consequence of alterations to county court districts.

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