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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**MAGISTRATES' COURTS**

The Family Proceedings Courts  
(Matrimonial Proceedings etc.) Rules 1991

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THE FAMILY PROCEEDINGS COURTS  
(MATRIMONIAL PROCEEDINGS ETC.) RULES 1991

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