STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

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The Family Proceedings (Amendment No. 2) Rules (Northern Ireland) 2005

Amendment to the 1996 Rules

- **42.** In rule 2.51 (Rescission of decree nisi by consent)—
 - (a) in the heading, after "decree nisi" insert "or conditional order";
 - (b) for paragraph (1) substitute—
 - "(1) Where a reconciliation has been effected between the petitioner and the respondent—
 - (a) in a matrimonial cause—
 - (i) after a decree nisi has been pronounced but before it has been made absolute, or
 - (ii) after a decree of judicial separation has been pronounced; and
 - (b) in a civil partnership cause—
 - (i) after a conditional order has been made but before it has been made final, or
 - (ii) after a separation order has been made,

either party may apply for an order rescinding that decree or order by consent."; and

- (c) in paragraph (2)—
 - (i) for "divorce county court" substitute "designated county court";
 - (ii) after "spouse" insert "or civil partner, as the case may be,"; and
 - (iii) after "decree" insert "or civil partnership order".