

**2007 No. 469**

**FAMILY PROCEEDINGS**

**The Family Homes and Domestic Violence (Allocation of Proceedings) (Amendment) Order (Northern Ireland) 2007**

*Made* - - - - - *10th November 2007*

*Coming into operation* - *17th December 2007*

*To be laid before Parliament*

The Lord Chancellor, after consultation with the Lord Chief Justice, makes the following Order in exercise of the powers conferred by Article 34 of the Family Homes and Domestic Violence (Northern Ireland) Order 1998(a).

**Citation and commencement**

1. This Order may be cited as the Family Homes and Domestic Violence (Allocation of Proceedings) (Amendment) Order (Northern Ireland) 2007 and shall come into operation on 17th December 2007.

**Amendment to the Family Homes and Domestic Violence (Northern Ireland) (Allocation of Proceedings) Order 1999(b)**

2. In Article 2 (Classes of county court)—

- (a) at the end of paragraph (a) omit “and”;
- (b) in paragraph (b) for “the 1996 Order.” substitute “the 1996 Order; and”; and
- (c) after paragraph (b) insert—

“(c) civil partnership proceedings county courts, being those county courts designated for the time being as civil partnership proceedings county courts by an order made under section 188(4) of the Civil Partnership Act 2004.”.

3. In Article 4 (Commencement of proceedings), in paragraph (3) after “divorce county court” insert “, civil partnership proceedings county court”.

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(a) S.I. 1998/1071 (N.I. 6) to which the most recent relevant amendment was made by the Constitutional Reform Act 2005 (2005 c.4).  
(b) S.R. 1999 No. 61.

Signed by the authority of the Lord Chancellor

*David Hanson*  
Minister of State  
Ministry of Justice

Dated 10th November 2007

## **EXPLANATORY NOTE**

*(This note is not part of the Order)*

This Order amends the Family Homes and Domestic Violence (Allocation of Proceedings) Order (Northern Ireland) 1999 [S.R. 1999 No. 61] in consequence of the Civil Partnership Act 2004, in particular, to add civil partnership proceedings county courts to the classes of county court specified to hear proceedings under the Family Homes and Domestic Violence (Northern Ireland) Order 1998.