



Matrimonial and Family Proceedings Act 1984

1984 CHAPTER 42

PART V

FAMILY BUSINESS: DISTRIBUTION AND TRANSFER

Preliminary

32 What is family business.

In this Part of this Act—

“family business” means business of any description which in the High Court is for the time being assigned to the Family Division and to no other Division by or under section 61 of (and Schedule 1 to) the [^{F1}Senior Courts Act 1981];

“family proceedings” means proceedings which are family business;

[^{F2}“civil partnership cause” means an action for the dissolution or annulment of a civil partnership or for the legal separation of civil partners;]

“matrimonial cause” means an action for divorce, nullity or marriage, [^{F3}or judicial separation];

and “the 1973 Act” means the ^{M1}Matrimonial Causes Act 1973.

Textual Amendments

F1 Words in Act substituted (1.10.2009) by [Constitutional Reform Act 2005 \(c. 4\)](#), s. 148(1), [Sch. 11 para. 1\(2\)](#); S.I. 2009/1604, art. 2(d)

F2 Words in s. 32 inserted (5.12.2005) by [Civil Partnership Act 2004 \(c. 33\)](#), s. 263(10)(b), [Sch. 27 para. 91](#); S.I. 2005/3175, art. 2(2)

F3 Words substituted by [Family Law Act 1986 \(c. 55, SIF 49:3\)](#), ss. 68(1), 69(5), [Sch. 1 para. 27](#)

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