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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**1997 No. 1896**

**The Family Law Act 1996 (Part IV)  
(Allocation of Proceedings) Order 1997**

COMMENCEMENT OF PROCEEDINGS

**Commencement of proceedings**

4.—(1) Subject to section 59, paragraph 1 of Schedule 7 and the provisions of this article, proceedings under Part IV may be commenced in a county court or in a family proceedings court.

(2) An application—

- (a) under Part IV brought by an applicant who is under the age of eighteen; and
- (b) for the grant of leave under section 43 (Leave of court required for applications by children under sixteen),

shall be commenced in the High Court.

(3) Where family proceedings are pending in a county court or a family proceedings court, an application under Part IV may be made in those proceedings.