



In the Family Court
sitting at **[Court name]**

Case No: **[Case number]**

[The Matrimonial Causes Act 1973] /
[The Matrimonial and Family Proceedings Act 1984 and Schedule 7 to the Civil Partnership Act 2004] /
[The Civil Partnership Act 2004]
(DELETE AS APPROPRIATE)

The **[Marriage] / [Civil Partnership]** of **[applicant name]** and **[respondent name]**

After hearing **[name the advocates(s) who appeared]**

After consideration of the documents lodged by the parties

(IN THE CASE OF AN ORDER MADE WITHOUT NOTICE) After reading the statements and hearing the witnesses specified in para **[para number]** of the recitals below

ORDER MADE BY [NAME OF JUDGE] ON [DATE] SITTING IN [OPEN COURT] / [PRIVATE]

WARNING: IF YOU DO NOT COMPLY WITH THIS ORDER, YOU MAY BE HELD TO BE IN CONTEMPT OF COURT AND YOU MAY BE SENT TO PRISON, BE FINED, OR HAVE YOUR ASSETS SEIZED.

The parties

1. The applicant is **[applicant name]**
The **[first]** respondent is **[respondent name]**
[The second respondent is [respondent name]]
[The third [etc] respondent is [respondent name]]
[The intervener is [intervener name]]
(SPECIFY IF ANY PARTY ACTS BY A LITIGATION FRIEND)

Recitals

2. **(IN THE CASE OF AN ORDER MADE WITHOUT NOTICE)**
 - a. This order was made at a hearing without notice to the respondent. The reason why the order was made without notice to the respondent was **[set out]**.
 - b. The judge read the following affidavits/witness statements **[set out]** and heard oral testimony from **[name]**.
3. **(IN THE CASE OF AN ORDER MADE FOLLOWING THE GIVING OF SHORT INFORMAL NOTICE)**

This order was made at a hearing without full notice having been given to the respondent. The reason why the order was made without full notice having been given to the respondent was *[set out]*.

4. This is a legal services order for an amount of money ('the amount') made pursuant to *[s22ZA of the Matrimonial Causes Act 1973] / [para 38A of Schedule 5 to the Civil Partnership Act 2004]*. The order was made to enable the applicant to obtain legal services for the purposes of these proceedings. The court was satisfied that without the amount, the applicant would not reasonably be able to obtain appropriate legal services for the purposes of the proceedings.

Agreements

5. *[Insert any agreements reached between the parties]*

Undertaking to the court

6. The applicant will repay to the respondent such part of the amount if, and to the extent that, the court is of the opinion, when considering costs at the conclusion of the proceedings, that *[he] / [she]* ought to do so. **(SUCH AN UNDERTAKING OUGHT NORMALLY TO BE REQUIRED)**

IT IS ORDERED (BY CONSENT) THAT:

7. The respondent shall pay as a legal services order the amount of £*[amount]* to *[applicant's legal firm name]*, the legal representatives of the applicant, by transfer to their bank at *[bank details]* by payments as set out in the following paragraph.
8. The amount shall be paid as to £*[amount]* by *[date (E.G. SEVEN DAYS FROM THE MAKING OF THIS ORDER)]*, and the balance by instalments at the rate of £*[amount]* per month commencing on *[date]*.
9. **(WHERE APPROPRIATE)** The amount shall be secured as follows. *[(E.G. Any unpaid part of the amount shall be a charge on [property name] within the terms of the Charging Orders Act 1979; and a final charging order is made accordingly.)]*
10. **(WHERE APPROPRIATE)** For the purposes of realising the amount the property known as *[family home name] / [other property name]* shall be sold and the following directions shall apply in respect of the sale *[set out]*.
11. *[Costs]*

Dated *[date]*

(WHERE UNDERTAKINGS HAVE BEEN GIVEN)

<p>You may be held to be in contempt of court and imprisoned or fined, or your assets may be seized, if you break the promises that you have given to the court.</p>

If you fail to pay any sum of money which you have promised the court that you will pay, a person entitled to enforce the undertaking may apply to the court for an order. You may be sent to prison if it is proved that you —

- a. have, or have had since the date of your undertaking, the means to pay the sum; and**
- b. have refused or neglected, or are refusing or neglecting, to pay that sum.**

I understand the undertakings that I have given, and that if I break any of my promises to the court I may be sent to prison for contempt of court.

[applicant name]