Family Law

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What is the divorce procedure?

Issue divorce petition. Original marriage certificate £550 combined court fee (Issue and Decree Absolute)

Court checks documents, issues the Divorce Petition and posts to respondent copies of the Petition and Acknowledgement of Service.

The Respondent fails to file Acknowlegement of Service.

Arrange for personal service of the divorce documents need to apply to the court for other types of service.

Respondent completes and sends to the Court Acknowledgment of Service.

Court sends copy of Acknowledgement of Service to the Petitioner.

Petitioner files a Statement in Support of Divorce Petition, Directions for Trial and requests Decree Nisi.

If District Judge is satisfied, then Petition gets listed in judges list for the Pronouncement of Decree Nisi.

Decree Nisi pronounced.

Petitioner can apply for Decree Absolute after a minimum of six weeks and one day.

If Petitioner does not apply for Decree Absolute the Respondent can apply three months after six weeks and one day following the Decree Nisi.

There is a hearing before a District Judge to consider the Application.

Generally court cannot make the Decree Absolute until financial matters are finalised.

Petitioner applies for Decree Absolute.

Application granted

Decree Absolute issued.

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