

Supreme Court of Judicature (Transfer of Matrimonial, Divorce and Guardianship of Infants Proceedings to District Court) Order 1996

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**SUPREME COURT OF JUDICATURE ACT
(CHAPTER 322)**

**SUPREME COURT OF JUDICATURE (TRANSFER OF MATRIMONIAL, DIVORCE
AND GUARDIANSHIP OF INFANTS PROCEEDINGS TO DISTRICT COURT)**

ORDER 1996

In exercise of the powers conferred by section 28A of the Supreme Court of Judicature Act, I, Yong Pung How, Chief Justice, hereby make the following Order:

Citation and commencement

1. This Order may be cited as the Supreme Court of Judicature (Transfer of Matrimonial, Divorce and Guardianship of Infants Proceedings to District Court) Order 1996 and shall come into operation on 1st April 1996.

Proceedings transferred to District Court

2.—(1) Any proceedings under —

- (a) section 56 and Part IX of the Women's Charter; or
- (b) the Guardianship of Infants Act [Cap. 122],

commenced in the High Court on or after 1st April 1996 shall be transferred to and be heard and determined by a District Court.

(2) All matters or causes relating to proceedings referred to in sub-paragraph (1) commenced before 1st April 1996 shall continue to be heard and determined by the High Court.

Jurisdiction of District Court

3. A District Court shall have jurisdiction to hear and determine any proceedings referred to in paragraph 2(1) regardless of the monetary amount involved.

Powers of Registrar and Deputy Registrar of Subordinate Courts

4.—(1) For the purpose of any proceedings to be heard and determined by a District Court pursuant to this Order, the Registrar and a Deputy Registrar of the Subordinate Courts shall have power to transact all such business and exercise all such authority and jurisdiction as may be transacted and exercised by a District Judge in Chambers under —

- (a) the Women's Charter or the Guardianship of Infants Act, as the case may be, or any rules made thereunder; or
- (b) the provisions of this Order,

except such business, authority and jurisdiction as the Senior District Judge may, with the concurrence of the Chief Justice, from time to time direct to be transacted or exercised by a District Judge in person.