
STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

1996 No. 322

The Family Proceedings Rules (Northern Ireland) 1996

Part VI

Disability

Petition for nullity on ground of insanity, etc

6.5.—(1) Where a petition for nullity has been presented on the ground that at the time of the marriage the respondent was suffering from mental disorder within the meaning of the Mental Health (Northern Ireland) Order 1986 of such a kind or to such an extent as to be unfitted for marriage, then, whether or not the respondent gives notice of intention to defend, the petitioner shall not proceed with the cause without the leave of the Master.

(2) The Master may make it a condition of granting leave that some proper person be appointed to act as guardian ad litem of the respondent.