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Agreement on outstanding matters in uncontested divorce

In Dublin Circuit Court a former couple reached agreement on outstanding maintenance payments and pensions in an uncontested divorce hearing. The applicant husband 's barrister said his client would continue to pay maintenance to his former wife, the respondent, and they agreed to give each other the death-in-service benefit in their pensions.

The husband took the stand and was sworn in confirming the couple had married in 1987 after his marriage certificate was shown to him by the court registrar. He gave evidence they separated in 2021 and had not lived together since. The husband told the Court there was no chance of reconciliation.

The Court was told they had three independent children between them and arising from a mediation process he would continue paying maintenance to the respondent.

It was also agreed the respondent would receive 50 per cent of his death in retirement benefit. He would receive 100 per cent of her death in retirement benefit.

The judge commended the parties for reaching agreement. "I want to say, it is to your great credit you reached agreement. I know you didn't think you would end up in this Court when you got married." The judge said their barristers had worked very hard. "That is a very highly skilled thing to do," she said.

"I'm satisfied that the applicants are entitled to a decree of divorce," she added.

The judge said she would adjourn the finalisation of the paperwork on the pension matters.