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Divorce granted where husband moved abroad

Dublin Circuit Court granted a divorce to an applicant wife in the absence of the respondent husband who had left the country.

The Court heard there was an affidavit of service. Counsel for the applicant said there had also been substituted service but there had been no response from the respondent who had returned to his home country in 2024.

The applicant woman gave evidence through an interpreter that the couple had married in 2013 and separated in 2017 with no prospect of reconciliation. She also gave evidence there were no children of the marriage, no family home and no pensions.

The judge was satisfied the applicant was entitled to a decree of divorce and that the respondent had been put on notice. The judge was satisfied the couple was living apart for the requisite time. She also made orders and cross-orders excluding each party to apply for relief out of the estate of the other on death.

The judge granted liberty to re-enter and made no order for costs.