# **Rules of the District Court (Amendment) Rules 2008**

### The Rules of the District Court (Cap. 336H)

#### Order 89 - PROCEEDINGS BETWEEN HUSBAND AND WIFE

# **Remarks**

## 1. Determination of questions as to property (O. 89, r. 1)

(1) Proceedings under section 3 of the Separation and Maintenance Orders Ordinance (Cap. 16) and section 6 of the Married Persons Status Ordinance (Cap. 182) must be may be begun by originating summons.

Rule 32 Rec 11-16

### 2. Provisions as to actions in tort (O. 89, r. 2)

- (1) This rule applies to any action in tort brought by one of the parties to a marriage against the other during the subsistence of the marriage.
- (2) On the first application by summons in an action to which this rule applies, the Court shall consider, if necessary of its own motion, whether the power to stay the action under section 5(2) of the Married Persons Status Ordinance (Cap. 182) should or should not be exercised.
- (3) Notwithstanding anything in Order 13 or 19, in an action to which this rule applies judgment on failure to give notice of intention to defend or in default of defence shall not be entered except with the leave of the Court.
- (4) An application for the grant of leave under paragraph (3) must be made by summons and the summons must, notwithstanding anything in Order 65, rule 9, be served on the defendant.
- (5) If the summons is for leave to enter judgment on failure to give notice of intention to defend, the summons shall not be issued before the time limited for acknowledging service of the writ.