This chapter considers some parts of the law and procedure following the breakdown of a relationship. It discusses the remedy of separation as an alternative to divorce proceedings. It explains the term ‘separation’ and the two main statutes relating to these areas. The chapter also discusses the bars to petition and also examines nullity as a remedy, including void and voidable marriages and the different grounds for finding a marriage void or voidable. It looks at nullity and civil partnerships, as well as a remedy for escaping forced marriages and some statistics on forced marriages. The Civil Partnership (Opposite-sex Couples) Regulations 2019 (SI 2019/1458) are mentioned. Case law is also used.

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