

Petition for Declaration of Nullity of Marriage by Reason of *Prior Valid Bond or Ligamen*

Please type or print clearly. It is important that you respond to each line item. If a question is not applicable, write "NA." If you do not know an answer, write "unknown."

PETITIONER
(You)

RESPONDENT
(Your Former Spouse)

PRESENT LAST NAME _____

MAIDEN NAME _____

FIRST AND MIDDLE NAMES _____

STREET ADDRESS _____

CITY/STATE/ZIP CODE _____

Home _____ Work _____ TELEPHONE Home _____ Work _____

DATE AND PLACE OF BIRTH _____

RELIGION OF BAPTISM _____

RELIGION PROFESSED AT TIME OF WEDDING _____

PRESENT RELIGION _____

1. DATE AND PLACE OF WEDDING Date _____ City _____ State _____

2. By a | | NON-CATHOLIC MINISTER | | CIVIL OFFICIAL in _____
Name of Church, Synagogue, Courthouse, Home, or Other Place

3. DATE AND PLACE OF DIVORCE Date _____ Parish/County _____ State _____

4. This was my first marriage: [] YES [] NO. If NO, on another sheet of paper, please list all your former marriages including the names and religion of all former spouses, wedding dates and locations, as well as information on when and how each marriage ended. If any of your former spouses had been married before marrying you, please place an asterisk (*) to the left of their name(s).

5. This was my former spouse's first marriage: [] YES [] NO. If NO, how many times was your former spouse married before marrying you? _____ and on another sheet of paper, please list all previous marriages including the names and religion of all former spouse, wedding dates and locations, as well as information on when and how each marriage ended. If any of his or her former spouses had been married before your former spouse, please place an asterisk (*) to the left of their name(s).

CONCERNING YOUR FORMER SPOUSE'S FIRST MARRIAGE

FIRST SPOUSE OF RESPONDENT (the Co-Respondent):

FULL PRESENT NAME _____ MAIDEN NAME _____

ADDRESS _____
Street City State Zip Code

TELEPHONES Home _____ Work _____

DATE AND PLACE OF BIRTH Date _____ City _____ State _____

RELIGION PROFESSED AT TIME OF WEDDING _____ DEATH DATE, IF THIS PERSON IS NOT LIVING _____

DATE AND PLACE OF WEDDING Date _____ City _____ State _____

DATE AND PLACE OF DIVORCE Date _____ Parish/County _____ State _____

WITNESSES are needed **ONLY** if the respondent and/or co-respondent (first spouse of respondent) cannot be found or will not cooperate. Petitioner should nominate two to facilitate the cause in case of such developments even if unforeseen or not expected at this time. Those named as witnesses (parents, siblings, relatives, intimate friends, etc.) must be willing to testify and must know some facts of respondent's first marriage including:

- the non-Catholic baptism of the respondent and co-respondent;
- that their marriage was not impeded by another prior bond or other impediments;
- and that the co-respondent was alive during the marriage between petitioner and respondent.

NAME _____	NAME _____
ADDRESS _____	ADDRESS _____
CITY/STATE/ZIP _____	CITY/STATE/ZIP CODE _____
TELEPHONES _____	TELEPHONES _____
RELATIONSHIP TO YOU _____	RELATIONSHIP TO YOU _____
RELATIONSHIP TO RESPONDENT _____	RELATIONSHIP TO RESPONDENT _____
HOW LONG HAVE YOU KNOWN THIS PERSON? _____	HOW LONG HAVE YOU KNOWN THIS PERSON? _____
HAS THIS PERSON AGREED TO TESTIFY? _____	HAS THIS PERSON AGREED TO TESTIFY? _____

THE FOLLOWING DOCUMENTS MUST ACCOMPANY THIS PETITION:

- **Recently issued** (i.e., within the past six months) **baptismal certificate of any Catholic party**, which may be obtained from the parish of the party's baptism.
- **Certificate of marriage** between you and the respondent
- **Decree of civil divorce** between you and the respondent
- **Certificate of the respondent's first marriage**
- **Decree of civil divorce for the respondent's first marriage**

Photocopies of the original or official documents are acceptable.

I, the undersigned petitioner, respectfully request a declaration of nullity of the marriage in question on the grounds of Ligamen. I solemnly swear that all the statements I have made herein are the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth to the best of my knowledge.

Petitioner's Signature

Date

I, the undersigned cleric presenting this petitioner of nullity on grounds of *ligamen*, testify that THE PETITIONER HAS SWORN IN MY PRESENCE to the facts stated above and I further attest to petitioner's trustworthiness as follows:

Signature of Pastor, Parochial Vicar, or Deacon

Name and Location of Parish

Affix parish seal here.

PETITIONS FILED WITHOUT COMPLETE DOCUMENTATION WILL BE RETURNED UNANSWERED!