

INTERDIOCESAN TRIBUNAL OF ADELAIDE
(South Australia and Northern Territory)

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Date: _____	
Parish: _____	Case No: _____
Referring Person: _____	

APPLICATION FOR MATRIMONIAL TRIBUNAL CASES

PART ONE

	PETITIONER	RESPONDENT
Present Surname (Title)		
Maiden Name		
First Names		
Address		
Home Phone		
Work Phone		
Mobile Phone		
Change of Address		
Date of Birth		
Place of Birth		
Religion		
Baptised? - where		
- when		
Marital Status - before	Never Married <input type="checkbox"/> Divorced <input type="checkbox"/>	Never Married <input type="checkbox"/> Divorced <input type="checkbox"/>
- present	Widowed <input type="checkbox"/>	Widowed <input type="checkbox"/>
Occupation - at Marriage	Divorced <input type="checkbox"/> Re-married <input type="checkbox"/>	Divorced <input type="checkbox"/> Re-married <input type="checkbox"/>
- now		
Age at Marriage		

Name, present address of Father:	Name, present address of Father:
Name, present address of Mother:	Name, present address of Mother:

When did courtship begin? Date: _____ How long was the courtship? (months) _____

Date of engagement (if any): _____ Date of Marriage: _____

Above named parties married at: _____

In the presence of: _____
(Officiating Minister/Priest/Deacon/Civil Official)

Names and dates of birth of any children born of the marriage:

1. _____ 2. _____

3. _____ 4. _____

SEPARATION AND DIVORCE

First Separation: _____ Final Separation: _____

Length of Marriage: _____ (years) _____ (months)

Date of Decree Absolute: _____

Custody/Access/Maintenance Finalised? YES/NO

Property Finalised? YES/NO

PROPOSED SPOUSE

Present Full Name: _____ Religion: _____

Has he/she ever been married before? YES/NO If so, how did this marriage end? DIVORCE/DEATH

If applicable, has divorce been granted? YES/NO If so, Date of Decree Absolute: _____

Has this party presented a case for a decree of nullity to the Catholic Church YES / NO / NOT APPLICABLE

If so, Case Names _____ and Number _____

Have you and this other party been through any form of marriage? YES/NO

If so, date and place of ceremony: _____

For Referring Person: (Questions in relation to proposed spouse's previous marriage, if any)

Was either of these parties a baptised Catholic? YES/NO

If one of the parties was a Catholic was the necessary Form of Marriage observed? YES/NO

OTHER DETAILS

Any difficulties in contacting the Respondent? YES/NO

Have you a good relationship with the Respondent's family? YES/NO

Attitude of the Respondent to annulment application: UNKNOWN / HOSTILE / AMICABLE

Has Respondent remarried? YES/NO

Any other relevant information related to case: YES/NO

(If needed other side of page can be used)

PART TWO

You are asked to prepare a WRITTEN STATEMENT concerning your marriage, either by yourself or with the help of your Referring Person.

PLEASE - use the guidelines below in the preparation of your statement – about 4 or 5 typed A4 pages is all that is required.
- cover the main points, as far as possible in chronological order.

GUIDELINES TO FOLLOW

1. FAMILY BACKGROUND
(of yourself and former partner, describe relationships with parents particularly if poor or strained, family problems, brothers/sisters, education level, social interests, and relationships, etc)
2. MEETING YOUR PARTNER
(Describe details of meeting, courtship length of involvement, brief account of the physical appearances of each, sexual involvement, any pressure, did this have any bearing on the decision to marry, pregnancy)
3. THE ENGAGEMENT TIME
(Describe how the topic of engagement arose and the circumstances of the proposal, any pressure involved in the decision to marry, if so from whom. Any infidelities in courtship/engagement. Attitude of friends and family to the decision to marry)
4. THE WEDDING CEREMONY AND RECEPTION
(Describe attitudes to marriage preparation and ceremony, any strange incidents, etc. Did both parties intend permanence, fidelity and children)
5. THE HONEYMOON
(Describe whether it was happy, any difficulties associated with consummation etc, any signs of future trouble)
6. MARRIED LIFE TOGETHER
(Describe year by year the events of the marriage, communication difficulties, problems that arose, efforts to resolve problems, reason for separation, reconciliations, medical or counseling assistance, etc)
7. REASONS WHICH LED TO BREAKDOWN (Describe why you think the marriage failed, etc)
8. THE FINAL SEPARATION (Describe what brought it about and how it happened, etc)
9. What has happened to you and your partner since the marriage breakdown?
(any new relationships/marriages. Are the same problems evident in these relationships/marriages, etc)

NOTE: It is important, while writing from the guidelines to include any examples of the following:

Irresponsibility or immaturity in you or your partner (e.g. financial, attitude to having a family, sex life, sex outside marriage)

Deviant behaviour in you or your partner (e.g. violence, or cruelty, excessive drinking or drug abuse, dishonesty or gambling, frequent moodiness or outbursts of anger and whether these were observable before the marriage)

Psychological problems in you or your partner (e.g. treatment for emotional or psychiatric disorders, irrational behaviour or marked lack of self control)

PLEASE SIGN AND DATE YOUR WRITTEN STATEMENT before you send your application into the Tribunal Office. Thank you.

NOTE

- ***** For preliminary assessment of your application for a Decree of Nullity, the Tribunal relies heavily on this written statement/history. Please be as comprehensive as possible in your statement. Very briefly or sketchy statements about the pre-marriage time make it difficult to give a positive assessment.

- **** **Complete and return** the enclosed witness sheet, **together with** requested documents (as per front of witness sheet).

- **** The fee payable for the formal annulment case is \$770.00. This fee only covers about one quarter of what it costs to process the case from beginning to end as it is a very labour intensive task. If you are genuinely unable to meet our fees, your application can proceed provided you let us know and special arrangements can be made.

You may wish to pay the full fee of \$770.00 at the beginning of the case.

Others may prefer to pay in 4 instalments as follows:-

- \$200.00 on presentation of your application
- \$200.00 when you give formal testimony
- \$200.00 when all your witnesses have been interviewed
- a final \$170.00 when you have been advised your case has been judged in the First Instance by the Regional Tribunal.

Date: _____

Petitioner

Referring Person

SEAL OF PARISH: