



DIOCESAN TRIBUNAL OF EAST ANGLIA

MATRIMONIAL TRIBUNAL

APPLICATION FORM – FORMAL NULLITY

Please complete as many sections of this form as you are able. If some information is not known to you, e.g. the current address of your former partner, then please inform the Tribunal staff as this may affect the progress of your application.

IMPORTANT

NO DATE SHOULD BE FIXED FOR ANY FUTURE MARRIAGE
UNTIL YOUR FREEDOM TO MARRY HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED

YOUR DETAILS

Current Surname Mr/Mrs/Ms/Miss/Dr

First Names

Maiden(birth) Surname Name (if female)

Any other name you have been known by

Current Address

Telephone Number(s) Home Work

Mobile Skype:

E-Mail

I prefer to be contacted by PHONE/ LETTER/E-MAIL/SKYPE

Date of Birth Place of birth

Have you been baptised or christened? YES/NO Date of Baptism

Denomination of Church of baptism

Address of Church if Roman Catholic

Your religion on the day you married

YOUR FORMER SPOUSE'S DETAILS

His/Her Current Surname Mr/Mrs/Ms/Miss/Dr

First Names

Maiden Name (if female)

Any other name he/she has been known by

Current Address

Telephone Number(s) Home Work

Mobile E-Mail

Date of Birth Place of birth

His/her religion at the time of marriage

Has he/she ever been baptised or christened? YES/NO Date of Baptism

Denomination of Church of baptism

Address of Church if Roman Catholic

How do you know this?

Is there any serious reason as to why the Tribunal staff should not make direct contact with your former partner? If so, please state this briefly here:

DETAILS REFERRING TO THE MARRIAGE TO BE INVESTIGATED. IF THERE IS MORE THAN ONE MARRIAGE TO BE CONSIDERED PLEASE SPEAK TO THE TRIBUNAL STAFF TO CLARIFY WHICH MARRIAGE(S) NEED TO BE INVESTIGATED.

Date of first meeting (Month & Year)

Date courtship began (if different to above)

Date of formal engagement

Date of Wedding

Place of Wedding (Full name/address of Church/Register Office or other venue):

Names of Witnesses
(or Best Man & Chief Bridesmaid)

Address of marital home

.....
(If there are several, please attach a separate list with relevant dates)

Date of Separation

(If this is complex, give dates of first and final separations)

Civil Divorce Court Petitioner

Grounds

Date of Decree Absolute or Final Order

PLEASE PROVIDE A COPY OF THE FINAL DIVORCE CERTIFICATE WITH THIS APPLICATION OR AS SOON AS POSSIBLE Please tick: enclosed ☐ or to follow ☐

If there were any children born of your marriage please give names and dates of birth:

..... Born on

..... Born on

..... Born on

..... Born on

Were you both single and free to marry at the time of the wedding? YES/NO

If not, then please give brief details:

.....
Were either you or your partner serving with H.M. Forces at the time of the wedding? If yes, please give brief details of your posting at that time:

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Is there someone specific that you now wish to marry in the Catholic Church? YES/NO

Their full name

Their address

If yes, when did you meet this person?

Has he/she ever been baptised or christened?

How do you know this?

What is this person's present status? [ie, single, widowed, divorced, previous marriage annulled by the church?]

Have you or your former spouse previously made an application to another Catholic Marriage Tribunal in respect of this marriage?

If so, please state which Tribunal and the approximate date of the application:

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Who referred you to this Tribunal?

May we contact them in connection with your application?

By signing below, I agree to the Diocese of East Anglia using the information I have provided on this application solely for the purposes of processing this application. I understand that a copy of any subsequent Decree of Nullity arising from this application will be held indefinitely by the Diocese of East Anglia in secure storage strictly in accordance with the provisions of The Data Protection Act 2018, as to collection, handling, secure storage, use, retention and disposal of this data.

Your signature Date

Please return this form, to

The Tribunal Administrator, East Anglia Diocesan Tribunal, The White House, 21 Upgate, Poringland, NORWICH, NR14 7SH

Or download this form from <http://rcdea.org.uk/marriage-tribunal/> and email to: tribunal@rcdea.org.uk

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FOR OFFICE USE ONLY

Received:

SP no:

Marriage Certificate:

Divorce Certificate:

Case Name:

Prot No:

Type:

Preliminary Questionnaire

Before you answer these questions: Please give the fullest possible answers to all these questions, even if it takes longer than you thought it would.

Please read through the entire questionnaire and keep to the time scale suggested (i.e. do not describe or discuss problems that occurred **after** the wedding in answers to questions about the courtship period.) Please sign and date the last page of your answers. Your answers will become your 'Preliminary Statement'.

Depending on the level of information provided in this application and your answers to this Preliminary Questionnaire, you may need a preliminary interview before a case can be accepted.

THE PERIOD LEADING UP TO THE MARRIAGE

1. Give a fairly full account of your childhood, upbringing and the influence of your home on you. (For example: If you are one of many children, state your place in the family; where did you go to school, what happened after you left school? Did you get on with your parents, brothers and sisters? Any incidents from your youth that may have had an effect on you, a bereavement, accident, sickness, etc.)
2. Give a fairly full account of your former partner's childhood, insofar as you know of it (as above in No 1.).
3. Prior to meeting your former partner, did **either of you** have any previous serious (i.e. was there a sexual involvement?) relationship(s) or engagement(s)? If so, please give relevant details and the reasons for these not working out.
4. When (approximate date) and where did you and your former partner meet? When did you start dating regularly (how soon after meeting) and was there a formal engagement? If there was an engagement, how long after you met? Was the relationship/engagement ever broken off? If so, what were the reasons for this?
5. Was the period leading up to the marriage a happy time? At what stage during this period was marriage first mentioned? Did you live together during this period? If so, how did this decision come to be made? Did this period go smoothly or were there serious disagreements? If there were disagreements, what were they about and how were they sorted out? Were there any other problems?
6. During the period immediately prior to the wedding, did you and your former partner **seriously** discuss your future life together, in particular with regard to the following areas:
 - a. whether or not you both wanted **children**.
 - b. whether you believed in **total fidelity** in marriage.
 - c. what you would do if the marriage did not work out.
 - d. the management of finances and household budgeting.
7. Did you and your former partner ever have any pre-marriage counselling from any source, or go on a marriage preparation day or course? (e.g. a clergyman, counsellor, doctor)
8. Were you able to prepare **financially** for your married life together?
9. Had sexual relations taken place between you prior to the marriage? Who initiated this? Were there any problems, particularly with feelings of guilt or a sense of being obliged to get married?
10. Was there any pressure of any kind (however subtle) on you to marry your former partner?

THE COURSE OF THE MARRIAGE

11. How long was the marriage happy? When did things begin to go wrong? When did you notice this? Who or what was responsible for this deterioration? Did you both sense that things were going wrong?
12. What type of accommodation did you live in throughout the marriage?
13. During your life together, were you both able to discuss things and share things in a loving way? Was one more reserved? Were feelings discussed or hidden?
14. Was the sexual relationship during the marriage satisfactory and satisfying for both of you? Were there any differences as to what each thought acceptable? Were there any major problems? (If so, could you talk about them to each other?)
15.
 - a. If there were children what was your former partner like as a parent?
 - b. If there were no children, what was the reason for this? Did one party withhold the right to have children from the other? Please give details if you can, particularly about decisions made with regard to contraception and whether these were mutual or unilateral?
16. Were there every any instances of violence (physical or verbal) during the married life? If so, when did this begin? Please give any details you can.
17. Were there any financial problems in the marriage?
18. Did either of you have a drink, drugs or gambling problem during the marriage?
19. Did either of you have any serious health problems during the marriage?
20. What was your former partner's employment record like?
21. If you were employed, what about your employment record?
22. Were there any instances of infidelity on either side during the marriage? If so, please give all details.
23. Did your former partner ever criticise you, either with or without justification?
24. Did you ever criticise him/her? Was this justified?

THE FINAL BREAKDOWN & DIVORCE

25. Describe the circumstances leading to the breakdown of the marriage and divorce.
26. Has anything significant happened since in your life or that of your former partner since the breakdown of the marriage?
27. Is there anything else that you would like to add?

Please return your answers, the Application Form and the Witness Nomination Form and Consent Forms to:

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WITNESS NOMINATION FORM - PETITIONER

I, the undersigned party to the above case, hereby nominate the following persons as witnesses:

1. Full Name:
Relationship to you:
2. Full Name:
Relationship to you:
3. Full Name:
Relationship to you:
4. Full Name:
Relationship to you:
5. Full Name:
Relationship to you:

I attach a Witness Data Protection Consent Form completed by each of the above-named Witnesses.

I understand that both parties in the case have the right to read the evidence gathered by the Tribunal

Signed: Petitioner Date:

Please note well the following points:

1. You **must** approach the persons nominated **yourself** to establish that they are willing to be nominated and ask each of them to complete a copy of the **Witness Consent Form** provided at the end of this application pack. This is to ensure we comply with the latest Data Protection Regulations. We cannot interview people on any other basis.
2. The witness **must understand** that all that they say in their evidence can and may be read by both parties in the case (the petitioner and the respondent).
3. **Both parties** have the right to know the names of those who have been nominated as witnesses.
4. The interview will **usually** be conducted in the witnesses' own home by a trained lay auditor or by a priest who has been trained to gather evidence by the Tribunal. If this happens to be someone known personally to the witness, then they can ask for someone else to take the interview. In areas outside the East Anglia diocese witnesses **may have to be prepared to travel** to their local Tribunal Office. The Administrator can advise you on the likelihood of this.
5. Please note: it is normal practice for Witnesses not living within the Diocese of East Anglia to be interviewed by the Tribunal of the Diocese of their residence at our request. Those interviews are subject to the timescales and practices of that Tribunal.

PLEASE PROVIDE A COMPLETED COPY OF THE
FOLLOWING WITNESS CONSENT FORM FOR EACH OF
THE WITNESSES YOU HAVE LISTED

PLEASE FEEL FREE TO COPY THE CONSENT FORM IF
YOU NEED EXTRA COPIES



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No. 278742

WITNESS DATA PROTECTION CONSENT FORM

For a Witness in a Marriage Nullity Investigation

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Witness Name and relationship to party:

Address (including Post Code)

.....

Telephone (usual method of contact):

Email:

I am willing to be a witness on behalf of the Petitioner/Respondent* in the above referenced Marriage Nullity Investigation. I consent to the Diocese of East Anglia sharing my details with another Tribunal for the purpose of evidence gathering as described below.

* Delete as appropriate

Signed: Dated:

Data Protection – By signing this form you are confirming that you consent to the Diocesan Tribunal of East Anglia holding and processing your personal data for the purposes of communication with you solely for the purpose of processing a nullity of marriage investigation for the duration of the investigation.

– Your personal details provided above will be stored and used by the Diocesan Tribunal of East Anglia for the purposes of administering the Decree of Nullity procedure. If you live outside the Diocese of East Anglia we will ask your local Tribunal to take your evidence, therefore your details may have to be shared with other Diocesan Tribunals within the UK and/or worldwide as part of the evidence gathering process and results of the evidence gathering be shared back to the Diocesan Tribunal of East Anglia. They will not otherwise be disclosed outside the Diocese.

You can withdraw or change your consent at any time by contacting the Tribunal Administrator at The White House, 21 Ugate, Poringland, Norwich, NR14 7SH, telephone 01508 495168, email tribunal@rcdea.org.uk. Please note that all processing of your personal data will cease once you have withdrawn consent, other than where this is required by law, but this will not affect any personal data that has already been processed prior to this point.

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