

IV. If you or your former spouse received any professional counseling or psychiatric care, please give the names and addresses of counselors or psychiatrists and indicate whether it was you or your spouse (or both) who was/were the client.

V. If you or your former spouse applied previously for a Declaration of Invalidity, please indicate when/where.

VI. PRESENT STATUS:

Are you presently civilly married? _____

If you are presently civilly married or planning to marry:

1. What is the name (maiden, if applicable) of your present spouse or intended?

2. What is his/her religion? _____

a) What was his/her marital status when you met?

Never married _____ Previously married _____

b) If previously married,

1) Where did previous marriage take place?

Catholic Church _____

Other Church _____

Civil Ceremony _____

2) Is his/her previous spouse still alive? _____

3) What is the present religion of his/her former spouse? _____

VII. RECORDS:

Please enclose copies of the following documents; your case will not begin to be processed without these documents:

- final decree of civil divorce
- Church marriage certificate
- your baptismal certificate
- your former spouse's baptismal certificate (if your spouse was Catholic, the church where you were married may be able to give you the name of the church where your spouse was baptized).

NARRATIVE SECTION

On separate pages, prepare a description of your former marriage using the paragraphs below as an outline. Give specific examples of behavior where applicable. You are asked to submit this narrative section in typed form.

OATH: I solemnly swear that the testimony that I provide in this narrative section is the whole truth.

Signature of Petitioner

Date

I. YOUR OWN BACKGROUND

(Please give examples if applicable.) The character of your parents, an assessment of their relationship as a model of marriage for you. Was one dominant in the home? What was your relationship with them? The personality of your brothers/sisters and your relationship with them. Your educational background, attitudes toward school, your sense of accomplishment. Social activities and ease in forming friendships. Mental health problems or unusual physical problems. Any behavior problems in school. Unusual fears in childhood or later. History of dating, any other serious romances; if so, why terminated. Attitudes toward sex and the existence of any sexual problems. Life goals and personal standards of achievement; religious practice. Number of jobs, reasons for terminating. Problems in adult life, e.g., alcohol, drugs, gambling, handling money, arrests. Evaluation of personal strengths and weaknesses. What were your personal values at the time of your marriage? Your personal problems at that time? How would others have considered your character and behavior at the time of your marriage?

II. YOUR FORMER SPOUSE’S BACKGROUND

Using the above topics, please write what you can remember about the background of your former spouse.

III. COURTSHIP

Length, how you met, source of attraction. Frequency of dates, kinds of things done together. Problems in dating: any serious arguments, breaks in the relationship, how relationship resumed. How subject of marriage arose; circumstances of engagement; part each played in wedding preparations. Families’ reactions and involvement in wedding plans. Any unusual pressure to marry. Anyone who advised against marrying and reasons for this. Attitude of each party toward children; toward fidelity or divorce; towards financial planning. Attitude toward and use of sex during courtship. Did you discuss together your attitudes towards these issues? Values most important to each party at time of marriage. Was there a pre-nuptial agreement? If so, explain the reasons and terms. Did you attend Church marriage preparation? Did any problems become evident? If so, how were these handled in the preparation process?

IV. WEDDING AND HONEYMOON

Attitude and feelings of each party on day of wedding: before, at Church and at reception. Any unusual incidents? Place and length of honeymoon; was it a pleasant experience for both; when was the marriage consummated?

V. MARRIED LIFE

Length of marriage. Attitude of each toward domestic chores and the sharing of responsibilities. Attitude toward and use of sex in entire marriage; sensitivity to each other's needs. Attitude toward children and their care. Physical or emotional mistreatment. Sharing of interests and concerns; use of leisure time; use of money. Part played in marriage by parents of each. When did problems arise and over what issues? How do you believe your former spouse would describe your role in the marriage and its failure? What personality weaknesses did your spouse demonstrate? Any use of counselors, psychiatrists or other professional help? If so, please give full names and addresses. Temporary separations, dates, reasons, mode of reconciliation.

VI. FINAL SEPARATION

What caused it? Any attempts at reconciliation? Please explain. Who sued for divorce? Grounds. Who received custody of the children?

It is recommended that you make a copy of your complete Marital History for your records.