

PETITIONER'S STATEMENT OF AGREEMENT

I will provide the Metropolitan Tribunal of the Archdiocese of Denver (“the Tribunal”) with all required documents as well as a complete list of all of my witnesses with their correct addresses.

I agree to inform the witnesses beforehand that the Tribunal will be contacting them in the near future to ask for their cooperation in processing this case.

I will make myself available for a personal interview, if necessary. I will also inform the Tribunal of any change of address.

I understand that no guarantee can be given to me regarding when the canonical process will be completed, or if the final decision will be favorable to me.

I agree that I am not to set a date for any future marriage in the Catholic Church until a final and favorable decision has been rendered. I understand that no priest or deacon is to provide me with even a tentative date for a future marriage in the Catholic Church.

I acknowledge that a decision depends wholly on the merits of the case, the evidence and the exact reasons which the Church recognizes as grounds for nullity. I understand that if an affirmative decision is reached, either the Defender of the Marriage Bond or my former spouse may appeal it, and stipulations against a subsequent marriage may be placed on me, pending an assessment of my readiness to live out a sacramental marriage. Also, either of these conditions may delay my ability to set a date for a forthcoming marriage in the Catholic Church.

I understand that the Tribunal staff is bound by oath to confidentiality. Marriage case information is never made available except as required by Catholic Church law. It is the policy of the Tribunal to disclose testimony only to those duly authorized ecclesiastical officials or other ecclesiastical Tribunals when necessary for the resolution of the case. These would include my Advocate and Experts duly appointed by the Court or the parties and accepted by the Court.

I understand that even though the Tribunal staff's work is governed by an oath to confidentiality, there may be circumstances when the staff is required by Colorado law to report information that becomes known through the Tribunal process to civil authorities. For example, Tribunal staff may be required to report allegations of child abuse pursuant Colorado's mandatory reporting laws even though the person reporting the abuse is an adult and the abuse occurred to the person when he or she was a minor. In cases where reports to civil authorities are required we are bound by Church law and secular law to make that report and will do so. The Tribunal staff will make every effort to advise the affected person that a report will be made.

I understand that the Respondent in this case (my former civil spouse) will have the opportunity to review my allegations ("libellus") and the names of those who will be presented as witnesses. In turn, I will be afforded the opportunity to review the testimony provided by my former civil spouse. In addition, both my former civil spouse and I will be able to review testimony provided by witnesses. However, I understand that my testimony, along with that provided by my former civil spouse, will not be made available to witnesses or anyone acting in their behalf, or in any civil proceedings.

I understand I may request that portions of my testimony be withheld from view by the Respondent for serious reasons such as avoidance of defamation of character, family discord or scandal, but such confidentiality is not guaranteed. Witnesses may also request confidentiality based on the reasons mentioned. However, the Court will determine whether the request for confidentiality can be granted.

I will maintain secrecy, that is, I will not discuss these matters with anyone other than my Advocate and the Tribunal staff until the case is concluded.

I agree to cooperate fully with the Court. I attest that I have read the Statements and Policies of this Tribunal and that I agree to be bound by them.

I swear that the allegations which I submit with this application are the whole truth.

I hereby appoint the undersigned priest/deacon or approved lay person to serve as my Advocate. I authorize him to communicate with the Court on my behalf and receive copies of all pertinent notifications. I will notify the Tribunal in writing if I wish to name a different individual to serve in this capacity at a later date.

Signature of the Petitioner

Date

I, the undersigned, agree to assist the above-signed Petitioner as his/her Advocate.

Name of Advocate

Church

Address

Telephone Number

Signature of Advocate

(Parish Seal)

LIBELLUS
(Briefer Matrimonial Process)
PETITION FOR NULLITY

PETITIONER INFORMATION

RESPONDENT INFORMATION

(Please include preference: Mr., Mrs., Ms., Miss, Dr., etc.)

	Full Name	
	Maiden Name	
	Street Address	
	City/State/Zip	
	Home Phone	
	Work Phone/ cell	
	Email Address	

Important Biographical Facts

Petitioner's number of siblings in family of origin? _____	Respondent's number of siblings in family of origin? _____
What number child were you in the birth order? _____	What number was the Respondent in the birth order? _____

Were you raised by: Other

Married	Divorced	Single	Widowed		
Parents	Mother	Father	Grandparents		(circle one)

Was the Respondent raised by: Other

Married	Divorced	Single	Widowed		
Parents	Mother	Father	Grandparents		(circle one)

Approximate date you and the Respondent met: _____

Briefly - Where/How did you meet the Respondent at the time you started dating: _____

Length of engagement period if any: _____

Did you live together before marriage, if so, for how long? _____

Were there separations before the final divorce? If so how many (and approx.length)? _____

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I the undersigned Petitioner hereby request the Metropolitan Tribunal of the Archdiocese of Denver to investigate the marriage listed above according to Catholic Church Law. If the facts and law warrant such a decision, I ask that it be declared null from the beginning based on these grounds:

I believe my allegations can be substantiated by documents, testimony and evidence.

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Date

Petitioner's Signature

Place

Advocate's Signature