#### *Denveriensis*

#### *Nullitatis Matrimonii*

#### PETITIONER Maiden Name – CO-PETITIONER/ RESPONDENT Maiden Name

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#### PRO PROCESSUS BREVIOR

(Joint Petition for the Declaration of Marriage Nullity)

**I. THE FACTS**

1. We, [Petitioner Name], a [baptismal status, religion ex. baptized Catholic], born [Date of Birth], domiciled in [City, State, Zip] AND [Respondent Name], a [baptismal status, religion ex. baptized Catholic], born on [Date of Birth], and who is domiciled in [City, State, Zip]; under the direction of Advocate, [Advocate Name], declare the following before the Metropolitan Tribunal of the Archdiocese of Denver regarding our marriage:

**In this Section include a short description about when and how they married, time of engagement and if they cohabitated or not and why. Note specific information important for proposed ground.**

2**.** We entered canonical marriage [type of Marriage] at [ Church/Place of Marriage] in [City, State, Zip]., on [Date].

**In this Section include some brief information on family of origin on the PET and RESP, note differences between families. Note specific information important for proposed ground.**

3.A. [PETITIONER BACKGROUND]:

3.B. [CO-PETITIONER/RESPONDENT BACKGROUND]:

3.C. [SIGNIFICANT DIFFERENCES BETWEEN FAMILIES]:

4. **In this Section please include some brief information on how they met, their married life and problems leading to divorce. Note also some specific information important for the proposed ground(s).**

**II. *IN IURE***

**In this Section include specific grounds applicable to this case; list attached.**

5.The following canons are applicable to the present case:

a) [EXAMPLE: Canon 1056, which reminds us that one of the essential properties of marriage is indissolubility, without which it would not be a true marriage.

b) Canon 1101, §2 affirms that the person who celebrates marriage having excluded with a positive act of the will the property of indissolubility does so invalidly.

c) This Tribunal is competent in accord with c. 1673, §1, since this is the place where the marriage was celebrated.]

**III. *IN FACTO***

**In this Section offer a couple of points that support the ground.**

6. Further, in accord with c. 1504, 2, Petitioner and Co-Petitioner/Respondent have agreed to present those elements of proof that will support their contention that this marriage is invalid, which includes witnesses as noted on the included witness list.

7. [Only if applicable] We also have documentary proof in the form of personal letters written by [either or both parties] before the marriage.

8. Also included is a signed mandate, which in accord with c. 1484 designates [Advocate Name], as Advocate. All pertinent documentation is also included.

***Wherefore***

We, [PET name], and [CO-PET/RESP name], believing our marriage, dated: [date of marriage], to be invalid from the beginning, now turn to this Metropolitan Tribunal of the Archdiocese of Denver and asks that this marriage between us be declared null and invalid due to [Example: the exclusion of the indissolubility of marriage, c. 1101, §2 [Ground], on the part of the Respondent.]

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| [city, State]  DATED: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, 20 \_\_\_  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  [PET Name]  Petitioner |  | [city, State]  DATED: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, 20 \_\_\_  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  [CO-PET/RESP. Name]  Co-Petitioner/Respondent |