



TORONTO REGIONAL MARRIAGE TRIBUNAL

LONDON BRANCH OFFICE

PRELIMINARY APPLICATION

<i>For office use only:</i>			
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Yourself			Your Ex-Spouse
	Present Name		
	Birth Name		
	Apartment and Street Number		
	City and Province		
	Postal Code		
	Home Phone		
	Work/Cell Phone		
	Email		
	Occupation		
	Date of Birth		
	Place of Birth		
	Present Religion		
	Previous Religion		
	Date of Baptism		
	Parish of Baptism and Denomination		
	Church Address		
	Father's Name		
	Mother's Maiden Name		
	Present Names of Parents		
	Address of Parents		
	Telephone of Parents		

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Information about the courtship
Date (approximate) when you and your ex-spouse met:
Date (approximate) when you and your ex-spouse began dating:
Date (approximate) when you and your ex-spouse became engaged:

Information about the wedding
Date of Marriage:
Place of Marriage: <i>(name, address, and denomination of church or other location)</i>
Was this the first marriage for both of you? <i>(If not, give the names, dates, and places of other marriages)</i>

Were there any children resulting from this relationship?		Yes	No
Full Name	Date of Birth or Adoption		

Date of final separation:	
Effective date and place of civil divorce (<u>attach copy</u>)	
Effective Date:	Place:

Is your ex-spouse also petitioning? If yes:

Signature of Applicant:	Date:
Signature of Co-Applicant	Date:

MARITAL HISTORY

1. What do you see as the fundamental problem(s) in your marriage?

A. FAMILY HISTORY

2. Were there problems in your family background? <i>(check all and briefly explain)</i>		
No problems	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Sexual abuse	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Physical abuse	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Infidelity	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Alcoholism/drug use	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Mental illness	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Divorce/separation	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Financial problems	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Other problems: <i>(please explain)</i>		

3. Were there problems in your ex-spouse's family background? <i>(check all and briefly explain)</i>		
No problems	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Sexual abuse	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Physical abuse	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Infidelity	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Alcoholism/drug use	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Mental illness	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Divorce/separation	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Financial problems	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Other problems: <i>(please explain)</i>		

4. Describe your personal life before marriage: <i>(briefly answer each)</i>	
Education completed:	
Work history:	
Substance abuse issues:	
Mental illness:	
Serious financial issues:	
Health issues:	
Other problems: <i>(please explain)</i>	

5. Describe your ex-spouse's personal life before marriage: <i>(briefly answer each)</i>	
Education completed:	
Work history:	
Substance abuse issues:	
Mental illness:	
Serious financial issues:	
Health issues:	
Other problems: <i>(please explain)</i>	

6. What is your and your ex-spouse's previous relationship history? <i>(answer briefly)</i>		
	You	Your Ex-Spouse
a. Did you or your ex-spouse have previous serious dating experiences? <i>(briefly explain)</i>		
b. Were you or your ex-spouse ever in a previous engagement? If yes, what was the reason for termination?		

B. COURTSHIP

7. Were there any problems, breakups, or infidelity in the courtship with your ex-spouse? <i>(explain)</i>	

C. ENGAGEMENT

8. Why did you and your spouse decide to get married? <i>(check all and briefly explain)</i>		
Love	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Immigration	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Already living together	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Legitimize children	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Avoid premarital sex	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Fear	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Culturally arranged marriage	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Have a family	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Age	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Financial reasons (ex. tax purposes)	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Pregnancy	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Force	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Family pressure	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Only way to leave home	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Other reasons: <i>(please explain)</i>		

9. Were there external pressures to marry?	Yes	No
<i>If yes, explain briefly:</i>		

10. Did either of you have doubts about the decision to marry?	Yes	No
<i>If yes, explain briefly:</i>		

11. Did anyone advise against the marriage (ex. family, friends)?	Yes	No
<i>If yes, explain briefly:</i>		

12. At the time of marriage, what did you think about Church teaching about marriage?	
<i>You:</i>	<i>Your ex-spouse:</i>

13. At the time of marriage, were you both practicing Catholics? (<i>briefly explain</i>)	
<i>You:</i>	<i>Your ex-spouse:</i>

14. Was there a premarital sexual relationship? (<i>If yes, continue</i>)	Yes	No
a. Was contraception used? (<i>If yes, continue</i>)	Yes	No
i. Who was responsible for contraception?		
ii. What form of contraception was used?		
b. Was there a pregnancy? (<i>If yes, continue</i>)	Yes	No
i. Was this with your ex-spouse or a third party?		
ii. Was this pregnancy terminated? (including "Plan B")	Yes	No
1. If yes, who decided to terminate the pregnancy?		

15. Did either of you surgically prevent conception prior to marriage (e.g. vasectomy)? (<i>If yes, continue</i>)	Yes	No
a. Who and what procedure?		
b. Whose decision was this (ex. yours, mutual, ex-spouse)?		

D. Marriage

16. Age at time of marriage:	Yourself		Your ex-spouse	
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17. Was there more than one marriage ceremony (civil, non-Christian, etc.)? <i>(If yes, continue)</i>	Yes	No
a. What was the non-Catholic ceremony?		
b. Which one occurred first?		
c. At which point did you consider yourself married?		
d. At which point did your spouse consider him/herself married?		
e. Why did you have the non-Catholic ceremony (e.g. family pressures, etc.)?		
f. Why did you have the Catholic ceremony (e.g. family pressures, etc.)?		

18. At the time of marriage did you: <i>(answer each. If no, explain briefly)</i>		
a. Believe marriage was an exclusive relationship between one man and one woman?	Yes	No
b. Believe that if you divorced you could not marry a second time?	Yes	No
c. Remain open to children?	Yes	No

19. At the time of marriage did your ex-spouse: <i>(answer each; if no, explain briefly)</i>		
a. Believe marriage was an exclusive relationship between one man and one woman?	Yes	No
b. Believe that if you divorced he/she could not marry a second time?	Yes	No
c. Remain open to children?	Yes	No

20. Did you and your ex-spouse plan to delay children? <i>(If yes, continue)</i>	Yes	No
a. Was this a mutual decision?	Yes	No
i. If no, whose decision was this?		
b. What method was used to delay children (e.g. natural family planning, artificial contraception, abortion)?		
c. If your spouse changed his/her mind and wanted children, would you consider it your sole decision whether to delay?	Yes	No
d. If you changed your mind and wanted children, would he/she consider it his/her sole decision whether to delay?	Yes	No

21. Did you or your spouse knowingly deceive the other regarding: <i>(check all and briefly explain)</i>	
Known inability to conceive children	
Previous children	
Education level	
Debts	
Serious contagious disease	
Age	
Income	
Mental Illness:	
Other:	

22. When did marital problems start? <i>(approximate date)</i>	
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23. What were these problems?

24. During the marriage did either of you, either separately or together, see: <i>(if yes, append name and contact information)</i>	You		Ex-Spouse	
a. Psychologist	Yes	No	Yes	No
b. Psychiatrist	Yes	No	Yes	No
c. Marital counsellor	Yes	No	Yes	No
d. Personal counsellor	Yes	No	Yes	No
e. Priest or pastoral minister for marriage counselling	Yes	No	Yes	No
f. Other type of counsellor/adviser:	Yes	No	Yes	No

25. Were there temporary separations? <i>(If yes, continue)</i>	Yes	No
Please provide approximate dates, length of time, reason for separation, and who initiated reconciliation:		

26. Length of common life: <i>(time from marriage to final separation)</i>	Years	Months
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27. Date of final separation: <i>(approximate date)</i>	
28. Who left and why?	

Please note: if your ex-spouse is also applying, he/she is to also complete questions 1-28 on a separate copy.

PROPOSED WITNESS LIST
AT LEAST TWO WITNESSES MUST BE PROVIDED.

Witness 1:

Name:		Address:		
City:		Postal Code:		
Phone number:		Email:		
This witness has information regarding: <i>(check all that apply)</i>				
My childhood	My ex-spouse's childhood	Courtship	Married life	Marital problems
Why do you think he/she would be a good witness?				
Translator required? Yes		No	Language for translator:	

Witness 2:

Name:		Address:		
City:		Postal Code:		
Phone number:		Email:		
This witness has information regarding: <i>(check all that apply)</i>				
My childhood	My ex-spouse's childhood	Courtship	Married life	Marital problems
Why do you think he/she would be a good witness?				
Translator required? Yes		No	Language for translator:	

Witness 3:

Name:		Address:		
City:		Postal Code:		
Phone number:		Email:		
This witness has information regarding: <i>(check all that apply)</i>				
My childhood	My ex-spouse's childhood	Courtship	Married life	Marital problems
Why do you think he/she would be a good witness?				
Translator required? Yes		No	Language for translator:	

Witness 4:

Name:		Address:		
City:		Postal Code:		
Phone number:		Email:		
This witness has information regarding: <i>(check all that apply)</i>				
My childhood	My ex-spouse's childhood	Courtship	Married life	Marital problems
Why do you think he/she would be a good witness?				
Translator required? Yes		No	Language for translator:	

Please note: if your ex-spouse is also applying, he/she must agree to the proposed witness list and sign below:

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(if applicable: signature of co-applicant)

(date)

AGREEMENT

Applicant	<i>By my initials below, I acknowledge that I understand and agree to the following:</i>	Co-Applicant
_____ Initials	I understand that this process is only aimed at clarifying my state of life (married or unmarried) in the Catholic Church;	_____ Initials
_____ Initials	I understand that the possible acceptance of my petition by the tribunal in no way guarantees that I will be granted a declaration of matrimonial nullity;	_____ Initials
_____ Initials	I understand that no special consideration can be given to expedite any request except in the case of terminal illness of the petitioner(s) and/or respondent, and that my application will be processed in the order in which it was received;	_____ Initials
_____ Initials	I understand the decision to use the shorter process, documentary process, or full process is solely the decision of the tribunal and there are no guaranteed timelines;	_____ Initials
_____ Initials	I understand that this process has absolutely no civil legal effects;	_____ Initials
_____ Initials	I understand that this process does not impact the legitimacy of any children born of the marriage, nor does it affect any divorce settlements or issues pertaining to custody;	_____ Initials
_____ Initials	I understand that anything submitted to the marriage tribunal is strictly confidential, and that the tribunal staff will not enter into correspondence or discussion of my case with any other party, including family members, proposed future spouses, or pastoral workers;	_____ Initials
_____ Initials	I understand that my ex-spouse has the right to be involved in this process, argue for validity of the marriage, and propose other grounds of invalidity, although he/she are under no obligation to do so;	_____ Initials
_____ Initials	I understand that my ex-spouse has the right to read anything that I submit to the marriage tribunal as well as anything submitted by my witnesses;	_____ Initials
_____ Initials	I understand that I have the right to read anything my ex-spouse submits to the marriage tribunal as well as anything submitted by their witnesses, should he/she choose to participate;	_____ Initials
_____ Initials	I understand that it is my responsibility to ensure the cooperation of my witnesses in this process and that their non-cooperation can cause delays in my case;	_____ Initials
_____ Initials	I understand that I do not have the right to contract a Catholic marriage, nor am I to set a date for a future marriage until I receive the final decree, nor will I hold the tribunal liable for any delays or negative decisions;	_____ Initials
_____ Initials	I understand that I, my ex-spouse, and the defender of the bond have the right to appeal a final decision of the tribunal and this could delay or prevent a future marriage from occurring;	_____ Initials
_____ Initials	I understand that even if my marriage is found to be null, a prohibition for remarriage can be placed upon me or my ex-spouse which would prevent a future marriage until certain conditions are fulfilled;	_____ Initials
_____ Initials	I understand that failing to respond to the tribunal for a period of two months could result in my case being closed and archived (abatement);	_____ Initials
_____ Initials	I understand that it is my responsibility to inform the tribunal of any changes to my contact information during the process.	_____ Initials

In addition, I affirm all information contained in this application is accurate and complete.

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(signature of applicant)

(date)

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(if applicable: signature of co-applicant)

(date)

REFERRAL

<i>This page to be completed by a priest or pastoral minister who provides any information that may be helpful.</i>	
Name:	
Address:	
Assignment:	
How long have you known the petitioner:	
How long have you known the respondent (co-petitioner):	
Your assessment of the petitioner's truthfulness:	
Your assessment of the respondent's (or co-petitioner's) truthfulness:	
<i>(If no co-petitioner)</i> If known, what is your estimation of the respondent's opposition to nullity?	
What can you tell us of their marital problems?	

Date:	Signature of minister:
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