



Diocese of Birmingham in Alabama

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PETITION FOR LIGAMEN

(Please print legibly or type the following information)

 (Petitioner) (Respondent) (Co-Respondent/First Spouse)

I, _____, petition the Tribunal of the Diocese of Birmingham in Alabama for declaration of the nullity of my marriage to the Respondent, _____, on the ground of the diriment impediment of *Ligamen*. In connection with this Petition, I submit the following statement.

SECTION I: GENERAL INFORMATION

A. Information on the Petitioner

Full Legal Name:

 First Middle Last Maiden

Current Address: _____
 Street City State Zip

Telephone: _____ (home) _____ (cell)

Date of Birth: Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

Age at time of Marriage to the Respondent: _____

Name and Address of Church of Baptism:

Religion of Baptism: _____

Date of Baptism: Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

Present Religion: _____

B. Information on the Respondent

Full Legal Name:

First

Middle

Last

Maiden

Current Address:

Street

City

State

Zip

Telephone: _____ (home) _____ (cell)

Date of Birth: Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

Age at time of Marriage to the Petitioner: _____ Age at the time of Marriage to the Co-Resp: _____

Name and Address of Church of Baptism:

Religion: _____

Date of Baptism: Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

Present Religion: _____

C. Information on the Co-Respondent (first spouse)

Full Legal Name:

First

Middle

Last

Maiden

Current Address:

Street

City

State

Zip

Telephone: _____ (home) _____ (cell)

Date of Birth: Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

Age at time of Marriage to the Respondent: _____

Name and Address of Church of Baptism:

Religion: _____

Date of Baptism: Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

Present Religion: _____

D. Concerning First Marriage: RESPONDENT TO THE CO-RESPONDENT**Marriage of Respondent to the Co-Respondent**

Date of Marriage: Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

Type of Ceremony: ☐ Protestant (Baptist, Methodist, etc.) ☐ Eastern Orthodox ☐ Eastern Catholic☐ Civil/Justice of the Peace ☐ Latin Catholic ☐ Non-Christian/Other _____

Name of Church or Place of Marriage _____

Address: _____
Street City State Zip

Number of Children: _____

Civil Divorce: Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

County _____ State _____

E. Concerning Second Marriage: PETITIONER TO THE RESPONDENT**Marriage of Petitioner to the Respondent**

Date of Marriage: Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

Type of Ceremony: ☐ Protestant (Baptist, Methodist, etc.) ☐ Eastern Orthodox ☐ Eastern Catholic☐ Civil/Justice of the Peace ☐ Latin Catholic ☐ Non-Christian/Other _____

Name of Church or Place of Marriage _____

Address: _____
Street City State Zip

Number of Children: _____

Civil Divorce: Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

County _____ State _____

*Was the Co-Respondent (first spouse) of the Respondent living at the time you (Petitioner) married the Respondent?**Yes ____ No ____ If no, please indicate the date and place of death.**Date of Death* _____*Place of Death* _____ *Please provide a certified copy of the Death Certificate.*

SECTION II. ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS TO THE PETITIONER

A. How many times were you previously married prior to marrying the Respondent? _____

B. If you have been previously married, please supply the following information which applies to your Previous Spouse(s):

1. _____		
Name of Spouse		Date of Marriage
Place of Marriage		Name and Title of Officiant
Date of Civil Divorce		County and State of Civil Divorce
Present Name (if different)		Present Address
If deceased:	Date of Death	Place of Death
2. _____		
Name of Spouse		Date of Marriage
Place of Marriage		Name and Title of Officiant
Date of Civil Divorce		County and State of Civil Divorce
Present Name (if different)		Present Address
If deceased:	Date of Death	Place of Death
3. _____		
Name of Spouse		Date of Marriage
Place of Marriage		Name and Title of Officiant
Date of Civil Divorce		County and State of Civil Divorce
Present Name (if different)		Present Address
If deceased:	Date of Death	Place of Death

C. Are you aware of any other marriages of the **Respondent** besides the marriage to the Co-Respondent

(First Spouse) already covered in SECTION I Letter D (above)? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If so, please supply the following information which applies to **Previous Spouse(s) of the Respondent:**

1. _____	
Name of Spouse	Date of Marriage

Place of Marriage	Name and Title of Officiant

Date of Civil Divorce	County and State of Civil Divorce

Present Name (if different)	Present Address

If deceased: Date of Death	Place of Death

2. _____	
Name of Spouse	Date of Marriage

Place of Marriage	Name and Title of Officiant

Date of Civil Divorce	County and State of Civil Divorce

Present Name (if different)	Present Address

If deceased: Date of Death	Place of Death

D. If you are planning another marriage (or convalidation) in the Catholic Church, please give the name of the party whom you are planning to marry as well as that person's baptismal status, previous marital status, information about death or annulments of his/her previous spouse, etc. If this is to be a convalidation, what was the date of your civil attempt at marriage?

Name of Party _____

Is that person baptized ☐ No ☐ Yes Where: _____

Have they been previously married? ☐ No ☐ Yes

To Whom 1: _____ ☐ Living ☐ Deceased

To Whom 2: _____ ☐ Living ☐ Deceased

Does this person have (a) case(s) that need(s) to be presented to the Tribunal? ☐ No ☐ Yes

Date of Civil Marriage: _____

SECTION III. DOCUMENTS

The Petitioner submits the following **original documents** in support of the above statements. (Check the following:)

- A. ☐ Certified copy of the Marriage License **APPLICATION** (also called **Marriage License Record**) between myself and the Respondent. (NOTE: Certificate of Marriage may be on this form. If so, do not need a separate Certificate) **THIS IS A REQUIRED DOCUMENT. IT SHOULD TELL US THE NUMBER OF MARRIAGES FOR BOTH PARTIES. If the marriage took place in Alabama, you may obtain this document at any Health Department. Ask for Marriage License Record. They will print it out on site.**
- B. ☐ Certified copy of the **Decree** of divorce or dissolution between myself and the Respondent signed and dated by the judge (**not the petition or separation agreement**). **If the divorce took place in Alabama, you may obtain A Divorce Certificate at any Health Department.**
- C. ☐ Certified copy of the Marriage License **APPLICATION** (also called **Marriage License Record**) between the **Respondent and Co-Respondent (First Spouse)**. (NOTE: Certificate of Marriage may be on this form. If so, do not need a separate Certificate) **THIS IS A REQUIRED DOCUMENT. IT SHOULD TELL US THE NUMBER OF MARRIAGES FOR BOTH PARTIES. THE NUMBER OF MARRIAGES ON THIS FORM SHOULD BE "0" OR "FIRST" FOR BOTH PARTIES IN THIS MARRIAGE.**
- D. ☐ Certified copy of the decree of divorce or dissolution between Respondent and Co-Respondent signed and dated by the judge (**not the petition or the separation agreement**). **If the divorce took place in Alabama, you may obtain A Divorce Certificate at any Health Department.**
- E. ☐ Baptismal Certificate of any Catholic parties.
- F. ☐ FEE: \$25.00 (See Tribunal web site at <http://bhmdiocese.org/fee-schedule> for more comprehensive fee information in the event of multiple cases.)

Have you asked the Witness to testify? ☐ Yes ☐ No

PETITION FOR A DECLARATION OF NULLITY OF MARRIAGE

In accordance with canons 1501-1504 of the Code of Canon Law and art. 116 of *Dignitas Connubii*,

I, _____, Petitioner herein, with domicile in (City, State) _____,

hereby request that the Tribunal of the Diocese of Birmingham declares invalid my marriage with

_____, Respondent herein, with domicile in (City, State) _____.

The marriage took place at (City, State) _____ on (date) _____.

I contend that this marriage was invalid because

☐ I, the undersigned Petitioner,

☐ the Respondent

was validly married to _____.

This previous marriage was celebrated on _____, at _____.

I am attaching to this Petition all the pertinent documents in order to prove the truth of my allegations.

Moreover, in accordance with can. 1686 and art. 295 of *Dignitas Connubii*, I ask that this process be instructed according to the norms of the documentary process (cans. 1688-1690).

By my signature below, I affirm that all the answers recorded above are true to the best of my knowledge.

Signed (City, State) _____, on _____.

Signature of the Petitioner

Printed Name of Advocate

Name of Parish

Signature of the Advocate

Parish Mailing Address

For Tribunal use only:

In accordance CIC can. 1676 §1, and whereas this Tribunal is competent by virtue of can. 1672, I hereby accept the Petition for adjudication in the first instance. The case is to be handled through the documentary process. This Decree is to be communicated to the Parties and the Defender of the Bond, and they are to respond within fifteen (15) days of the notification.

Given at the Tribunal of the Diocese of Birmingham in Alabama, on _____.

Judicial Vicar

Notary