

## **Petitioner'S Questionnaire**

The following thirty-six (36) questions are intended to provide the Tribunal with the background of the relationship of the individuals involved in this petition for a declaration of invalidity. Please answer each question as completely as possible on 8½ × 11 paper (preferably typed). Simple "yes" or "no" answers will not suffice.

**IF A CIVIL SERVICE PRECEDED THE CATHOLIC CEREMONY, PLEASE USE  
PETITIONER'S QUESTIONNAIRE WITH VALIDATION, Form T-101-PQ-WV  
TO PROVIDE YOUR TESTIMONY.**

### **Family Background**

- 1. Please provide complete details about your own background, siblings, education, any military service, friends, etc. Were there any special circumstances or problems in your family background such as divorce, tensions in the home, difficulty in relating to parents, absence of parent(s), death, illness, alcohol and/or drug abuse, physical and/or sexual abuse, emotional illnesses, financial hardship, etc.? How did you relate to your family and friends? Please explain.**
- 2. Please provide the same information requested in question 1 about your former spouse.**
- 3. Was either of you previously married? If so, describe that marital relationship, and how/why it ended. How did this impact your relationship with each other?**
- 4. Before you and your former spouse met each other, how much dating was done by each of you? Had either of you previously conceived any children with another party? Please explain. How did this impact your relationship with the respondent?**
- 5. Did either of you cohabit with any of your dating partners prior to your spouse? How/why did that relationship end? How did this impact your relationship with the respondent?**

### **Courtship**

- 6. When and how did you become acquainted with your former spouse?**
- 7. Did you and your former spouse live together prior to marriage? If so, please explain the reasons for your decision. Did you engage in premarital sex?**
- 8. Describe your courtship. Where did you go? What did you do? As a couple, did you spend**

**more time with family/friends or alone? Who made the decisions? Describe any difficulties, for example, with employment, finances, drug and/or alcohol abuse, verbal and/or physical abuse, etc.**

- 9. When and why did you and your former spouse decide to marry? Was there pressure to marry because of pregnancy, family, military obligations, etc.? Who began to discuss marriage first? How long were you engaged? Why did you choose the date of the wedding? Had each of you given serious consideration to the commitment and responsibilities required for marriage? Please be complete in your answers.**
  
- 10. Did either of you have any doubts or reservations about your decision to marry? Did anyone advise against the marriage? If yes to either, please explain.**
  
- 11. Was the relationship ever broken prior to the wedding day? If so, for what reasons?**
  
- 12. Did you and your former spouse make any type of pre-nuptial agreement? If so, please explain. If this agreement was written, please provide a copy.**
  
- 13. Describe any (religious) premarital instructions you and your former spouse received. What was the reaction to the instructions?**
  
- 14. During your engagement, how much time was spent on wedding and honeymoon preparations? How did your relationship change during this time?**
  
- 15. Describe the quality of your communication prior to the marriage. What did you discuss? Did you talk about your future together, employment, where you would live, etc.?**
  
- 16. Prior to the marriage, did you and your former spouse have any discussions or agreements regarding children? If so, what were the results of these discussions?**
  
- 17. Describe your problem-solving skills prior to the marriage. If you disagreed, how was the problem resolved? Were you able to solve your problems through discussions or did arguments usually result? Did either of you seem to dominate the relationship?**

18. Describe your personality and behavior and that of your former spouse prior to marriage. Did either of your personalities change after the marriage? In what way?
19. Were you both faithful to each other during the courtship and engagement? Before the marriage, did you and your former spouse discuss fidelity? Please explain.

### Married Life

20. Describe anything unusual that occurred on the wedding day or on the honeymoon. Was the marriage consummated on the honeymoon?
21. Was there anything of importance that you learned about your former spouse after you married that had been kept from you or that you did not know? Please explain.
22. Please provide a chronology of your employment history and that of your former spouse, giving job titles, dates, places of employment, and reasons for leaving.
23. Please provide a chronology of relocations (moves from home to home) including reasons for the moves.
24. Describe your religious practices with your spouse (and children). Were there religious differences which affected the marriage? Please explain.
25. Describe any difficulties encountered during the marriage. (For example, employment, sexual relations, finances, drugs and/or alcohol, verbal and/or physical abuse, in-laws, your spouse's friends, participation in sports or other activities, frequent absences from the family home, employment, work hours, etc.) When did these difficulties begin? How were these difficulties resolved?
26. Did you and/or your former spouse experience any difficulties in emotional and/or physical health? Were there any hospitalizations? Were either of you taking any medications? Please explain.
27. Were you faithful to each other during the marriage? If not, please give details about any infidelities, for example, when they began, how long they continued, etc.

28. **If children were not conceived or adopted during the marriage, please explain the reason. OR If children were conceived or adopted, how were parental responsibilities fulfilled by both of you during the marriage? Since the divorce?**
29. **At any time during your relationship were children conceived but not carried to full term? Please explain.**
30. **At any time did you discuss personal or marital problems with professional persons? What insights, if any, did you gain from counseling? Would you be willing to sign a release for these records if needed?**

### **Separation and Divorce**

31. **Please give details of any and all separations, including the final separation. When and why did the separation(s) occur? How long did the separation(s) last? Why did you or did you not reconcile?**
32. **When were statements first made about a possible divorce? When and why did you and/or your former spouse make the final decision to divorce? Who initiated divorce proceedings? When was legal counsel sought?**
33. **Why did the marriage last as long as it did?**
34. **Were you and your former spouse mature and ready for marriage? Did you and your former spouse exercise good judgment in entering this marriage? Please explain.**
35. **Why do you believe the marriage is invalid?**
36. **Is there any other pertinent information regarding your marriage that you would like to offer?**