

CATHOLIC MARRIAGE TRIBUNAL  
(Halifax Regional Marriage Tribunal)

St. John's Branch Office  
Archdiocese of St. John's  
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P.N.

Case:

**PRELIMINARY INVESTIGATION FORM**

**PETITIONER**

(please use maiden surname for the wife of this marriage)

**RESPONDENT**

_____	<b>Name in Full</b>	_____
_____	<b>Full Mailing Address</b>	_____
_____		_____
_____		_____
<b>(H)</b> _____	<b>Phone Number</b>	<b>(H)</b> _____
<b>(W)</b> _____		<b>(W)</b> _____
_____	<b>Date of Birth</b>	_____
_____	<b>Place of Birth</b>	_____
_____	<b>Religion</b>	_____
_____	<b>Place of Baptism</b>	_____
_____	<b>Date of Baptism</b>	_____

**Place of Marriage** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date of Marriage** \_\_\_\_\_

**Age of Petitioner at Time of Marriage** \_\_\_\_\_

**Age of Respondent at Time of Marriage** \_\_\_\_\_

**Number of Children born of this marriage** \_\_\_\_\_

**Who has custody of the children** \_\_\_\_\_

What arrangements have been made for child support? \_\_\_\_\_

When did you separate? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have a legal separation? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have a DECREE ABSOLUTE of divorce? \_\_\_\_\_

Date DECREE ABSOLUTE was issued \_\_\_\_\_

(Please enclose a copy of DECREE ABSOLUTE with this application)

Have you re-married? \_\_\_\_\_ If so, to whom? \_\_\_\_\_

(Perhaps you intend to re-marry within the Roman Catholic Church if a Declaration of Nullity is granted. Please discuss the matter with your parish priest NOW to ensure that your potential spouse is also free to marry within the Roman Catholic Church.)

Give the name of the person you intend to marry if she/he has also applied for a Declaration of Nullity \_\_\_\_\_

Has your spouse re-married? \_\_\_\_\_ If so, to whom? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Petitioner

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Interviewer

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_

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**PETITION (LIBELLUS)**

I, \_\_\_\_\_, THE UNDERSIGNED Petitioner, of

\_\_\_\_\_  
ADDRESS  
\_\_\_\_\_

a member of the \_\_\_\_\_ Church, born on \_\_\_\_\_

at St. John's, Newfoundland.

1. On \_\_\_\_\_ I contracted marriage with

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_, a member of the \_\_\_\_\_

Church, born on \_\_\_\_\_.

2. The marriage took place at \_\_\_\_\_

(Church)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Address)  
\_\_\_\_\_

3. The other party to this marriage presently resides at \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_



## **CASE HISTORY**

In order for the Tribunal to make a judgement regarding the formal acceptance or rejection of a case, it is important that the basic facts be presented clearly. This is the purpose of the Case History. This report should be typed and it should be no longer than five (5) pages in length. The Petitioner can give more details during the interview to be held later.

For the guidance of the Petitioner in compiling the Case History, the following headings are suggested. This will help you present the facts of your marriage in sequence.

## **OUTLINE FOR CASE HISTORY**

### **1. Courtship**

- Age of both at the time you met
- How you met
- Length of the courtship
- How you got along together during the courtship
- Breakups during the courtship
- Engagement – who proposed the marriage, Why?
- Sexual relations – pregnancy
- If there was a pregnancy before marriage, had marriage been discussed before you were aware of the pregnancy?
- Did anyone oppose the idea of marriage?

### **2. Marriage Ceremony and Honeymoon**

- Who made the arrangements for the wedding
- Any doubts at the time of marriage
- Any unusual happenings at the ceremony and/or reception
- Any unusual events on the honeymoon
- When was the marriage consummated

### **3. Married Life together**

- **First months after marriage**
- **Where did you live after marriage**
- **Ability of you and your spouse to communicate with one another**
- **When did problems first arise in the marriage**
- **What was the nature of these problems (give details)**
- **Were there children born of this marriage**
- **Any temporary separations before the final breakup**

### **4. Final Separation**

- **Details regarding reasons and incidents that led to the final separation**
- **Date of final separation**
- **Have both parties assumed financial responsibility for any children born of this marriage**

### **5. After The Breakup of The Marriage**

- **Since the breakup of the marriage, what is the relationship between you and your spouse?**

### **6. Children**

- **Names**
- **Dates of Birth**
- **Who has custody of them?**

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PETITIONER \_\_\_\_\_ RESPONDENT \_\_\_\_\_

### LIST OF WITNESSES

The Petitioner must first obtain the permission of anyone whose names are to be submitted to the Tribunal as possible witnesses. Only those who have some knowledge of the circumstances of the courtship and/or problems in the marriage should be proposed.

**IMPORTANT**

Witnesses will be contacted by a representative of the Catholic marriage Tribunal and will be expected to appear in person to give testimony to an auditor (priest or lay person) working on behalf of the Tribunal.

**Witness #1**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Town/City \_\_\_\_\_

Province \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone (H) \_\_\_\_\_ (C) \_\_\_\_\_ (W) \_\_\_\_\_

Religion \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to the Petitioner or Respondent \_\_\_\_\_

Possible contribution to the case

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Witness #2**

**Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address** \_\_\_\_\_

**Town/City** \_\_\_\_\_

**Province** \_\_\_\_\_ **Postal Code** \_\_\_\_\_

**Telephone** (H) \_\_\_\_\_ (C) \_\_\_\_\_ (W) \_\_\_\_\_

**Religion** \_\_\_\_\_

**Relationship to the Petitioner or Respondent** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Possible contribution to the case**

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**Witness #3**

**Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address** \_\_\_\_\_

**Town/City** \_\_\_\_\_

**Province** \_\_\_\_\_ **Postal Code** \_\_\_\_\_

**Telephone** (H) \_\_\_\_\_ (C) \_\_\_\_\_ (W) \_\_\_\_\_

**Religion** \_\_\_\_\_

**Relationship to the Petitioner or Respondent** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Possible contribution to the case**

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