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# **Agreed Annulment**

### Use these instructions & forms if:

• you want a judge to declare your marriage invalid due to reasons that existed at the start of the marriage; you and your spouse do not have any children together and no child is expected; and you and your spouse AGREE about all the issues and will sign the necessary court forms

## This packet includes:

- 1. Instructions for an Agreed Annulment of Marriage Without Children
- 2. Original Petition to Annul Marriage
- 3. Respondent's Original Answer
- 4. Waiver of Service
- 5. Required Initial Disclosures in Dissolution of Marriage
- 6. Decree of Annulment
- 7. Civil Case Information Sheet
- 8. Statement of Inability to Afford Payment of Court Costs
- 9. Information on Suit Affecting the Family Relationship

Note: You may not need all of the forms listed or you may need additional forms. Get more information at <u>www.TexasLawHelp.org</u>. Talk to a lawyer if you have questions.

#### Instructions & Forms for an Agreed Annulment of Marriage without Children

*Warning*: The information and forms in this guide are not a substitute for the advice and help of a lawyer.

These instructions explain the basic steps to ask a court to annul your marriage. Each step includes a link to the form or forms needed for that step. Click on each step to expand it with more information.

#### Use these instructions if:

- you and your spouse do not have any children together and no child is expected, and
- you and your spouse **agree** about all the issues and will both sign the necessary court forms.

#### **Do NOT use these instructions if:**

- your spouse does not agree to the annulment, or
- your case involves a lot of property to be divided.

A lawyer is trained to protect your legal rights. Even if you decide to represent yourself, try to talk to a lawyer about your case before filing anything. Visit the <u>Legal Help Directory</u> or <u>Working with a Private Attorney</u> for more information.

#### **Checklist Steps**

#### **Step 1: Meet the legal requirements.**

#### You can ask the Court to annul your marriage if:

- A spouse of the marriage was under age 18, or
  - **Note:** If a person is between 16 and 18 years of age and married without parental consent or a court order, the marriage may be annulled. (The case is filed by a next friend on the minor's behalf, a parent, a court-ordered managing conservator, or the minor's guardian of the person.) Talk with a lawyer if this is the reason you are asking the court for an annulment.

#### • A spouse was under the influence of alcohol or narcotics, or

- **Note**: The spouse asking for the annulment (the petitioner) was under the influence of alcohol or narcotics to the point that they lacked the capacity to consent to the marriage. In addition, the petitioner must not have voluntarily lived with the other spouse once the alcohol or drugs had worn off.
- Either spouse is permanently impotent, or
  - **Note**: If either party is permanently impotent (unable to have sexual intercourse) at the time of the marriage and the petitioner was unaware of the impotency at the

time of the marriage, a judge may grant an annulment. In addition, the petitioner must not have voluntarily lived with the other spouse since becoming aware of the impotency.

- A spouse was convinced to marry the other spouse by fraud, duress, or force, or
  - Note: A marriage may be annulled if a spouse made an important misrepresentation intending to persuade or influence the other spouse into marrying them. In addition, the petitioner must not have voluntarily lived with the other spouse since becoming aware of the fraud or being released from the duress or force.

#### • A spouse lacked the mental capacity to enter into the marriage, or

- Note: A court may order the marriage annulled if either spouse did not have the mental capacity to consent to the marriage or the marriage ceremony. In addition, the petitioner must not have voluntarily lived with the other spouse during a period of time when the petitioner had the mental capacity to realize he/she is married or after the petitioner discovered the other spouse lacked mental capacity to consent to the marriage. If the petitioner is asking for annulment because the *other* spouse lacked mental capacity, the petitioner must also show that he or she did not know or could not reasonably have known that the other spouse lacked capacity.
- A spouse concealed (hid) a prior divorce, or
  - **Note**: The petitioner must show that the other spouse was divorced from a thirdparty within the 30 day window before the marriage and that the petitioner did not know (or a reasonably prudent person could not have known) of the divorce. In addition, the petitioner did not voluntarily live with the other spouse after discovering (or should have discovered) the divorce. The annulment case must be filed within 1 year of the marriage.
- The spouses were married within 72 hours of the marriage license being issued.
  - **Note:** To qualify under these facts, the petitioner must file the annulment case within 30 days of the date of the marriage.

If you **meet the legal requirements**, use these instructions to ask for an annulment by filing a Petition for Annulment of Marriage (called an annulment for short).

#### **Step 2: Determine where to file for annulment.**

It's important to file for annulment in the correct county. If you file in the wrong county, your case will be dismissed and you will lose your filing fee. Generally, you can file for annulment in the county:

- where all or a large part of the relevant facts or acts leading to the annulment happened, or
- where you or the respondent lived when the facts, acts, and marriage took place.

In addition, you or your spouse must meet these requirements: You or your spouse must live in Texas, or you must have been married in Texas. If neither you nor your spouse meet the requirements, talk with a lawyer.

Annulments can generally be filed in the same courts that hear divorce cases (district courts), and can also be filed in county courts, depending on the county. After you determine the county where you should file your annulment case, call your local district clerk and ask the clerk which court in your county handles annulment cases.

Read the Common Questions, <u>Annulment: Answers to Common Questions</u>, for more information.

#### **Step 3: Fill out the starting forms.**

Fill out an Original Petition to Annul Marriage (Petition) form.

The Petition asks the judge to annul your marriage. The Petition also tells your spouse what orders you want the judge to make. When you fill out the Petition:

- Print your answers using blue or black ink. Do not leave blanks.
- Talk with a lawyer if you have questions or need help.

**Who is the petitioner?** You are the petitioner—the person asking the court for an annulment. You must fill out and sign the Petition. No one else needs to sign the Petition.

Who is the respondent? Your spouse is the respondent.

**Note:** The Petition asks for your address. Your spouse will get a copy of the Petition. If you are concerned about your spouse knowing your address, call the Family Violence Legal Line at (800) 374-4673 for free advice.

#### Fill out these additional starting forms:

- <u>**Civil Case Information Sheet**</u> (NOTE: the <u>Texas Supreme Court has repealed the rule</u> requiring the civil case information sheet, so you may not need this form).
- Information on Suit Affecting the Family Relationship

Fill out this additional starting form if you cannot afford to pay the filing fee for your case. Call the district or county clerk's office to learn the filing fee for your annulment case. Learn more here: <u>Court Fees and Fee Waivers.</u>

• <u>Statement of Inability to Afford Payment of Court Costs</u>

Make copies:

- Make 2 copies of your completed Original Petition to Annul Marriage.
- Make 2 copies of the Statement of Inability to Afford Payment of Court Courts if you are asking the court to waive court costs.

• You do not need copies of the Civil Case Information Sheet or the Information on Suit Affecting the Family Relationship.

#### **Step 4: File (turn in) your starting forms.**

File (turn in) your completed Petition and additional starting forms with the court.

- To file your forms online, go to **<u>E-File Texas</u>** and follow the instructions.
- To file your forms in person, take the Petition and additional starting forms (and copies) to the district or county clerk's office in the county you determined is the correct county to file for annulment.

You need to find out if your county has **standing orders**. If it does, you will need to attach a copy of the standing orders to your petition.

#### At the clerk's office:

- Turn in your Petition and other starting forms (and copies).
- Pay the filing fee (or file your completed Statement of Inability to Afford Payment of Court Costs if you cannot afford the fee). You can call the clerk's office ahead of time to learn the filing fee for your case.
- Ask the clerk if there is a local standing order that you need to follow or attach to any of your documents.
- Ask the clerk if there are local rules or procedures—like standing orders—that you need to know about for your annulment.
- The clerk will write your "Cause Number" and "Court Number" at the top of the first page of your Petition. (Write these numbers at the top of any document you file in your annulment case.)
- The clerk will "**file stamp**" your copies with the date and time. The clerk will keep the original and give you back your copies. One copy is for you and one copy is for your spouse.

#### Step 5: Ask your spouse to sign an Answer or Waiver of Service.

Give your spouse:

- a file-stamped copy of your Original Petition to Annul Marriage, and
- a blank <u>Respondent's Original Answer</u> form or a blank <u>Waiver of Service</u> Only form.

**WARNING!** Do not hand-deliver any papers to your spouse if there has been violence during your relationship, especially if a judge has signed a Protective Order ordering you or your spouse to stay away from the other. You can have your spouse served instead. If you need to have your spouse served, use these instructions instead: Instructions & Forms for a Default Annulment of Marriage without Children in the checklist below this one.

Ask your spouse to:

- (1) Fill out and sign the <u>Respondent's Original Answer</u> form OR the <u>Waiver of</u> <u>Service Only</u> form. Your spouse can fill out and sign **either** form.
  - The Waiver of Service Only form must be signed in front of a notary. If your spouse plans to sign the Waiver of Service Only form, tell your spouse to sign it in front of a notary at least one day **after** you filed the Petition. Otherwise, your spouse will have to redo it.
  - The Respondent's Original Answer form does not have to be signed in front of a notary.
  - Note: If your spouse will not fill out and sign a Respondent's Original Answer form or Waiver of Service Only form, you must have your spouse served by a constable, sheriff or private process server. Use these instructions instead: Instructions & Forms for a Default Annulment of Marriage without Children in the checklist below this one.
- (2) Return the signed form to you.
  - **Tip:** If your annulment is agreed, your spouse must also sign a **completed** Decree of Annulment form. It may save you time to fill out the Decree of Annulment form now and send it to your spouse with the Answer or Waiver of Service. Read **Step 6** for information about filling out the Decree. You can also wait until later in the process to fill out the Decree of Annulment form.

**WARNING!** As of January 1, 2021, once a party to a family law case (such as an annulment) files an answer, waiver of service, or counterpetition, both sides usually must exchange certain information and documents within 30 days. This applies for suits filed on or after January 1, 2021. Talk to a lawyer about exceptions. Complete the <u>Required Initial</u> <u>Disclosures</u> form. See <u>Rule 11 Agreements</u> for information (and forms) about one way to waive required disclosures by agreement. Otherwise, complete the Required Initial Disclosures form.

#### **Step 6: Fill out the Decree of Annulment.**

Fill out the <u>Decree of Annulment</u>.

You will ask the judge to sign your Decree of Annulment form when it's time to finish your annulment. When signed by the judge, the Decree of Annulment makes orders that your marriage is null and void, and that you have accumulated no community property other than personal effects. It may include other orders depending on your case.

The Decree of Annulment form must be completely filled out (except for the judge's signature) before you go to court. You and your spouse may want to fill out the Decree of Annulment form together.

When you fill out the Decree of Annulment:

- Print your answers using blue or black ink.
- Do not leave blanks.
- Talk to a lawyer if you have questions or need help.

Tip: It's a good idea to have a family law lawyer review your completed Decree of Annulment. You can hire a lawyer just to review your Decree of Annulment. This is called "limited scope representation." You may also be able to talk with a lawyer for free at a legal clinic. If you need help finding a lawyer, you can:

- <u>Contact your local lawyer referral service.</u>
- Use our <u>Legal Help Directory</u>
- Check our Legal Events and Clinics Page

#### Step 7: Ask your spouse to sign the Decree of Annulment.

Ask your spouse to:

- review and sign your completed Decree of Annulment form, and
- return the signed *Decree of Annulment* form to you.

**Note:** Make sure the *Decree of Annulment* form is completely filled out **before** your spouse signs it. You CANNOT make changes to the *Decree* once it has been signed by your spouse, unless your spouse initials each change.

You will also:

- sign the Decree of Annulment form and -
- keep the signed *Decree of Annulment* form until it is time to finish your case.

**Note:** If your spouse filed an answer or waiver of service only but will not sign the *Decree of Annulment* form, your annulment is contested. To finish a contested annulment, you must set a contested final hearing. You must give your spouse at least 45 days' notice of the final hearing. Read this article to learn more: <u>How to Set a Contested Final Hearing (in a Family Law</u> <u>Case)</u>. It's always best to have a lawyer if your case is contested.

#### **Step 8: Get ready for court.**

Call the clerk's office to find out when and where the court hears uncontested annulment cases.

You must give testimony to the judge when you go to court to finish your annulment. This is sometimes called "prove-up" testimony. You will testify about each of the points in your petition form. Remember, everything you say in court must be true and correct. You can be charged with a crime for lying in court.

Read the article **<u>Tips for the Courtroom</u>** for more information about going to Court.

#### Step 9: Go to court to finish your annulment.

Bring these papers to the courthouse on the day you plan to finish your annulment:

- A file-stamped copy of your Original Petition to Annul Marriage.
- A Waiver of Service or Answer filled out and signed by your spouse.
- A *Decree of Annulment* completely filled out and **signed by both you and your spouse**.

#### When you get to the courthouse, go to the clerk's office.

• Ask the clerk if you need the court file or docket sheet (list of what has been filed in your case).

When you get to the courtroom, tell the clerk you are there and give the clerk your paperwork. Sit down until the judge calls your case.

When the judge calls your case, walk to the front of the courtroom and stand in front of the judge's bench. The judge will ask you to raise your right hand and swear to tell the truth. The judge may ask you questions or may ask you to read your testimony. It's a good idea to write down everything you want to say so you can read it to the judge if you get nervous.

The judge will listen to what you say and review your papers. If everything is in order the judge will sign your *Decree of Annulment*.

#### Step 10: File (turn in) the signed Decree of Annulment.

After the judge signs your Decree of Annulment, go back to the clerk's office.

- File (turn in) your Decree of Annulment and any other orders signed by the judge. Your annulment is NOT final until you do so.
- Get a certified copy of your Decree of Annulment and any other orders signed by the judge from the clerk while you are there. The clerk may charge a fee for the certified copies.

#### Step 11: After your annulment is finished.

Send a file-stamped copy of your *Decree of Annulment* and any other orders signed by the judge to your spouse.

#### NOTICE: THIS DOCUMENT CONTAINS SENSITIVE DATA.

#### Cause Number

(The Clerk's office will fill in the Cause Number and Court Number when you file this form.)

#### In the Matter of the Marriage of

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Print first, middle and last name of the spouse filing for annulment.

In the		
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District Court
 County Court at Law

and

#### Respondent

Print first, middle and last name of other spouse.

County, Texas

#### **Original Petition to Annul Marriage**

<b>Print</b>	your	answ	ers.

#### Parties

My name is: _				
-	First	Middle	Last	
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My spouse's				
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My spouse is	the Respondent.			

#### 1. Discovery

#### 1A. Discovery Level.

The discovery level in this case, if needed, is level 2.

#### **1B. Required Initial Disclosures**

I understand that spouses in a divorce, suit to declare a marriage void, or annulment must usually exchange **initial disclosures** of the information and material described in Texas Rules of Civil Procedure, Rule 194.2.

Check all that apply.

I believe my spouse and I will agree to waive the exchange of initial disclosures.

This action involves domestic violence and is exempt from the required initial disclosure requirement.

#### 2. Jurisdiction

(Check all boxes that apply.)

My spouse and I were married in Texas.

I live in Texas.

My spouse lives in Texas.

#### 3. Marriage

My spouse and I got married on: \_\_\_\_

Month	Day	Year

#### 4. Grounds

#### At the time of the marriage:

(Check one box.)

- □ I was under the influence of alcoholic beverages or narcotics, and as a result, did not have the capacity to consent to the marriage. I have not voluntarily lived with the Respondent since the effects of the alcoholic beverages or narcotics ended.
- Either the Respondent or I, for physical or mental reasons, was impotent (unable to have sexual intercourse). I did not know of the impotency at the time of the marriage and I have not voluntarily lived with the Respondent since learning of the impotency.
- Respondent used fraud, duress, or force to induce me to marry and I have not voluntarily lived with the Respondent since learning of the fraud or being released from the duress or force.
- □ I did not possess the mental capacity to consent to marriage or to understand the nature of the marriage ceremony because of mental disease or defect. Since the marriage ceremony, I have not voluntarily lived with the Respondent during a period when I possessed the mental capacity to recognize the marriage relationship.
- Respondent did not possess the mental capacity to consent to marriage or to understand the nature of the marriage ceremony because of mental disease or defect. At the time of the marriage, I did not know of the Respondent's mental disease or defect, and I have not voluntarily lived with the Respondent since I discovered the Respondent's mental disease or defect.
- Respondent concealed a divorce that took place within the 30 day period before the marriage ceremony. At the time of the marriage ceremony, I did not know about the divorce and I have not lived with the Respondent since I found out about the divorce. It has been less than 1 year since the marriage occurred.
- ☐ The Respondent and I were married less than 72 hours after the marriage license was issued. A court did not sign an order waiving the 72-hour waiting period and none of the exceptions set out in Texas Family Code 2.204(b) apply. (At the time of the marriage, I was not a member of the U.S. armed forces on active duty, I did not perform work for the U.S. Department of Defense as an employee or under a contract with the Department, and I did not seek a waiver based upon completion of a premarital course as set out in Texas Family Code 2.204(b)(4).) And, it has been less than 30 days since the marriage took place.

#### 5. No Child of Marriage

No child was born or adopted during our marriage and none is expected.

#### 6. Property

No community property was accumulated by the parties during the marriage other than personal effects, which should be awarded to the person having possession.

#### 7. Confirmation of Name

(Check all boxes that apply.)

Petitioner's name before the ceremony was:

(Print)	First	Middle	Last

This former name should be confirmed by the Court as Petitioner's lawful name.

Respondent's name before the ceremony should be confirmed by the Court as

Respondent's lawful name.

	(Print) First	Middle	Last	
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This former name should be confirmed by the Court as Respondent's lawful name.

#### 8. Protective Order Statement

(Check the appropriate boxes below. Fill in the requested information.)

Note: You must provide information about any protective order or pending application for protective order involving you and your spouse or a child of either you or your spouse. This includes information about any: (1) family violence protective order, (2) sexual assault, sexual abuse, trafficking, or stalking protective order; or (3) emergency protective order issued after an arrest. You must also attach to this petition a copy of any protective order (even if it's expired) in which one spouse or child of either spouse was the applicant or victim and the other spouse was the respondent or defendant. If your divorce petition does not accurately reflect whether there is a protective order against either spouse, the Court may require you to file an amended petition.

#### **Protective Order Against my SPOUSE**

(Check one box and fill in the requested information, if applicable.)

	I <b>do not</b> have a Protective Order against my spouse and I have not asked for or I <b>have</b> filed paperwork at the courthouse asking for a Protective Order against r judge has not decided if I should get it.	
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	The case number for the Protective Order is	<u> </u>
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My spouse **does have** a Protective Order against me. The Order was made in

	County,	on	· · · ·
Name of County		Name of State	Date Ordered

The case number for the Protective Order against me is \_\_\_\_\_

**Note:** You MUST attach a copy of **any** protective order issued for you against your spouse **or** issued for your spouse against you, no matter when the protective order was issued.

#### 9. Notice to My Spouse

Your spouse has the right to be notified that you have filed for an annulment of your marriage.

(Check one box.)

I will have a sheriff, constable, or process server give a copy of this Petition to my spouse here:

Street Address	City	State	Zip

If this is a work address, name of business:

I ask the clerk to issue citation. I understand that I will need to **pay the fee** (or file the form to show the Court that I am unable to pay the fee) and **arrange for service** by a sheriff, constable or process server.

Do not send a sheriff, constable, or process server to give a copy of this Petition to my spouse at this time. I think my spouse will sign a Waiver of Service, or file an Answer.

#### 10. Prayer

I ask the Court to grant my annulment. I also ask the Court to make the other orders I have asked for in this Petition and any other orders to which I am entitled

Petitioner's Name (print)		Phone number
Petitioner's Signature		Date
Petitioner's Mailing Address:		
City	state	zip
Petitioner's Email Address:		
Petitioner's Fax # (if available):		
if your mailing address or email address	ss changes during t	our spouse, if your spouse does not have a lawyer) in writing this case. If you don't, understand that all information about
this case, including the date and time (	JI HEALINGS, WIII DE	sent to you at the mailing address or email address above.

#### NOTICE: THIS DOCUMENT CONTAINS SENSITIVE DATA.

Cause	Number
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(The Clerk's office will fill in the Cause Number and Court Number when you file this form.)

#### In the Matter of the Marriage of

Petitioner

Print first, middle and last name of the spouse filing for annulment.

and

Respondent

Print first, middle and last name of other spouse.

County Court at Law	
	County,
	Texas

In the \_\_\_\_\_Court Number

District Court

#### **Respondent's Answer to Petition to Annul Marriage**

<ul> <li>WARNING to Respondent: Without the advice and help of an attorney, you may be putting yourself, your property, and your money at risk. For a referral to an attorney, or if you are poor to the nearest Legal Aid Office, call the State Bar of Texas Lawyer Referral Information Service at 800-252-9690. If you are a victim of family violence, or if at any time you feel unsafe, you can get confidential help from the National Domestic Violence Hotline at 800-799-7233 or legal help from the Texas Advocacy Project Family Violence Legal Line at 800-374-4673.</li> <li>WARNING to Out-of-State Respondent: Filing an Answer with the Court enters your appearance in this case. Talk to an attorney before filing an Answer, if you 1) do not live in Texas and 2) do not want a Texas court to have the power to make orders that would impose a personal obligation on you. Such orders could include orders dividing your property and debts, ordering you to pay child support, and (if requested by your spouse) ordering you to pay spousal maintenance, court costs and attorney's fees. If you file an Answer (or any other pleading) before filing a Special Appearance, you will give up your right to argue that Texas can't make such orders because you live out-of-state. Ask a Texas attorney to help you determine if Texas has personal jurisdiction over you.</li> <li>INSTRUCTIONS to Respondent: If you decide to use this form:</li> <li>Do not sign it until at least one day after the Original Petition to Annul Marriage. The official court stamp on your copy will tell you when it was filed.</li> <li>Fill out this form completely.</li> <li>File (turn in) the original signed form to the court where your spouse filed the Original Petition to Annul Marriage.</li> <li>Get additional information about annulment at www.TexasLawHelp.org.</li> </ul>
(Print your answers)
My name is:
First Middle Last
I am the Respondent in this case.
The last three numbers of my driver's license number are:
My driver's license was issued in (State)
<b>Or</b> 🗌 I do not have a driver's license number.

The last three numbers of my social security number are: \_\_\_\_\_\_. **Or**  $\Box$  I do not have a social security number

#### 1. General Denial

I enter a general denial. I want to be notified of all hearings in this case.

#### 2. Contact Information

My mailing address is:

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	Mailing Address	City	State	Zip	
My phone number is: _		·			

My email address is \_\_\_\_\_\_.

I understand I must notify the Court and my spouse's attorney or my spouse (if my spouse does not have an attorney) in writing if my mailing address or email address changes during this case. If I don't, I understand that all information about this case, including the date and time of hearings, will be sent to me at the mailing address or email address.

#### 3. Confirmation of Prior Name

Prior to the marriage ceremony, my full name was:

PRINT: First Middle Last

The Court should confirm this former name as my lawful name.

#### 4. Discovery Level

The discovery level in this case, if needed, is: (Check one box.)

- Level 1. (Check here if you and your spouse have more than \$0 and less than \$250,000 in property.)
- Level 2. (All **other** couples check here.)

#### 5. Required Initial Disclosures

I understand that spouses in an annulment must usually exchange **initial disclosures** of the information and material described in Texas Rules of Civil Procedure, Rule 194.2.

Check all that apply.

- I believe my spouse and I will agree to waive the exchange of initial disclosures.
- This action involves domestic violence and is exempt from the required initial disclosure requirement

#### 6. Prayer

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I ask the Court for general relief.

Respondent's Signature	Date			
Respondent's Printed Name	Phone Number			
Mailing Address	City	State	ZIP	
Email Address	Fax # (if available)			

#### **Certificate of Service**

I will give a copy of this document to my spouse's attorney or my spouse (if my spouse does not have an attorney) on the same day this document is filed with (turned in to) the Court as follows:

If I file this document electronically, I will send a copy of it to my spouse or my spouse's attorney through the electronic file manager if possible. If not possible, I will give a copy to my spouse or my spouse's attorney in person, by mail, by commercial delivery service, by fax, or by email.

If I file a paper copy of this document, I will give a copy of it to my spouse or my spouse's attorney in person, by mail, by commercial delivery service, by fax, or by email.

Respondent's signature

Date

Cause Number:				
(The Clerk's office	will fill in the Cause Num	nber and Court Nu	umber when you fi	le this form.)
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"My phone number is:				
"My email address is:" "My fax number (if available) is:" "The last three numbers of my driver's was issued in (state): or " I do not have a driver's licer	s license number ar  nse number.	e:	My drive	er's license

"The last three numbers of my social security number are: \_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_.

or " I do not have a social security number.

"I have been given a copy of the Original Petition to Annul Marriage filed in this case. I have read the Original Petition to Annul Marriage and understand what it says. I do not give up my right to review a different Petition to Annul Marriage if it gets changed (amended). "I understand that I have the right to be given a copy of the Original Petition for Annulment by a constable, sheriff or other official process server (legal notice). I do not want to be given legal notice. I give up my right to legal notice.

"I ask that the Court not enter any orders in this case unless the order is signed by me or unless I have received prior written notice of the date, time, and place of hearing.

"If I reach an agreement and sign a Final Decree of Annulment, the court can enter the Decree without me being present and without giving me notice. If I sign an agreed Final Decree of Annulment, I do not want a court reporter to make a record of the testimony.

"I understand that by signing this form I am entering an appearance in this case. I agree that a judge or associate judge in the county and state where this case is filed may make decisions about it, even if it should have been filed in another county.

"I understand that I must let the Court and my spouse's attorney (or my spouse if my spouse is not represented by an attorney) know in writing if my mailing address or email address changes during this case. If I do not, then I understand that any notices about this case will be sent to me at the mailing address or email address on this form.

Military Status (Check one box.)

- " $\square$  I am not in the military.
- "I am in the military. I agree to the provisions stated above and I waive only the rights, privileges, and exemptions I have under the Servicemember's Civil Relief Act that are contrary to those provisions.

Name Change (Check one box.)

"I am NOT asking the court to change my name."

"I ask the Court to change my name back to a name I used before my marriage. I am not asking the court to change my name to avoid criminal prosecution or creditors."

First	Middle		Last	
Signature of Re (Do NOT sign until	espondent I you are in front of a notary.)	Date		
Notary fills out	below.			
State of	(Print name of state where this Affidav	it is notarized)		
County of	Print the name of the county where this	s Affidavit is notarized)		
Sworn to and sub at Time by	oscribed before me, the undersigned n a.m./p.m. circle one	notary, on this date: Month	/ / Day	Year
	person who is signing this Affidavit. NO	OT the notary's name.)		
	[Notary Stamps Here ]	Notary's Signature		

#### DO NOT FILE THIS DOCUMENT WITH THE COURT.

Cause Num	ber:			
In the Matte	Fill in cause number and exactly as assigned or of the Marriage of	l when the	e original petition was filed.	
Petitioner:	Print first, middle and last name of the spouse filing for		In the (Court Number)	
And	divorce.		District Court County Court at Law	
Respondent	t:		-	
	Print first, middle and last name of other spouse			County, Texas
And in the ir	nterest of the following child(ren)			
1.		4.		
2.		5.		
3.		6.		

#### **Required Initial Disclosures in Dissolution of Marriage**

Parties to suits for divorce, annulment, or to declare marriage void must give the other party this information, as required by Texas Rule of Civil Procedure 194.2.

Keep a completed copy of this form for yourself. Attach the documents (like bank statements) that are required. You can attach additional pages on separate sheets of paper if you need more space for listing information.

You must give this information to your spouse no later than 30 days after either party files an answer, waiver of service, or counter-petition with the court clerk. You and the other party may agree in writing to waive the initial disclosures. Forms to waive initial disclosures by Rule 11 Agreement are available at TexasLawHelp.org.

If a question does not apply to your case, write "N/A," "none," or leave it blank. For example, if you have no property to list in a particular category, write "none."

#### 1. Correct names and addresses of parties to the lawsuit.

See Texas Rule of Civil Procedure 194.2(b)(1).

Petitioner:				
	First	Middle	Last	
	Street Address	City	State	Zip
	Phone		Email	
Responder	nt:			
	First	Middle	L	ast
	Street Address	City	State	Zip
	Phone		Email	

#### List the full names and dates of birth of the child(ren).

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Child's name	Date of Birth	Place of Birth	State where child lives now

#### 2. Potential parties to the lawsuit.

See Texas Rule of Civil Procedure 194.2(b)(2).

You must provide the names, addresses, and telephone numbers of any potential parties.

Check any that apply. If none apply skip to next section.

The Office of the Attorney General—Child Support Division (OAG). The local field office address and phone number are:

The Texas Department of Family and Protective Services. The office address and phone number are: \_\_\_\_\_\_

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

#### 3. Legal theories and factual bases of claims or defenses.

See Texas Rule of Civil Procedure 194.2(b)(3).

The pleadings in this case contain the legal theories and general factual bases for claims, or defenses.

#### 4. Amount and any method of calculating economic damages.

See Texas Rule of Civil Procedure 194.2(b)(4).

At the time of this initial required disclosure, economic damages have not been pled for as part of this family law case. No response to this request is needed at this time. If an amended petition or counterpetition is filed that alleges economic damages, a response to this request will be made within 30 days of the filing of the amended petition or counterpetition.

#### 5. Persons with Knowledge of Relevant Facts (Potential Witnesses)

See Texas Rule of Civil Procedure 194.2(b)(5).

You also need to give the other side the names, phone numbers, and addresses of potential witnesses—that is, people with knowledge of relevant facts. What is each person's connection with the case? The list should include all potential witnesses regardless of who they would be testifying for. Attach another sheet of paper if you need more room.

IF this case is contested, this list could include family members, neighbors, teachers, doctors, counselors, employers, and financial advisors, among others.

Name	Address	Phone number	Connection to case

#### 6. Documents, electronic items, or tangible things.

See Texas Rule of Civil Procedure 194.2(b)(6).

The following is a list of documents, electronically stored information, and tangible things that have been identified that may be used to support a claim or defense in this case. This Response will be supplemented, as needed, as responsive items are identified

Describe documents, electronically stored information, and tangible things that you have in your possession, custody, or control, and may use to support your claims or defenses. The list of documents, electronic items, or tangible things should include all items in your possession that you might want admitted as evidence in your case.

No.	Item/Name of Item or Document	Type of Item (Document, electronic info, or tangible item)	Location of document or item	Brief Description of document or item
1				
2				
3				
4				
5				

If not producing copies of all the documents; access to electronically stored information; and tangible things, a reasonable time and method for the production of these items is:

#### 7. Indemnity and insuring agreements

See Texas Rule of Civil Procedure 194.2(b)(7).

Produce the originals or copies of any indemnity and insuring agreements described in Rule 192.3(f).

(Check one).

At the time of this initial response no indemnity and insuring agreements have been identified. This Response will be amended, as needed.

Any indemnity and insuring agreements that have been identified are attached. This Response will be amended, as needed.

#### 8. Settlement agreements.

See Texas Rule of Civil Procedure 194.2(b)(8).

Produce the originals or copies of any settlement agreements described in Rule 192.3(g) of the Texas Rules of Civil Procedure. Rule 192.3(g) provides in part as follows: Settlement Agreements. A party may obtain discovery of the existence and contents of any relevant portions of a settlement agreement.

(Check one).

The Parties have not entered into any active settlement agreements that would resolve, or partially resolve, the disputed issues in this case. This Response will be amended, as needed.

Any active settlement agreements that would resolve, or partially resolve, the disputed issues in this case are attached. This Response will be amended, as needed

#### 9. Witness statements

See Texas Rule of Civil Procedure 194.2(b)(9).

Produce the originals or copies of any witness statements described in rule 192.3(h) of the Texas Rules of Civil Procedure.

(Check one).

Attached to this response are copies of any witness statements that have been made by any of the individuals identified in the fifth response above. This Response will be amended, as needed, as qualifying witness statements are discovered or obtained in this case.

☐ No witness statements are available at this time. This Response will be amended, as needed, as qualifying witness statements are discovered or obtained in this case.

#### DO NOT FILE THIS DOCUMENT WITH THE COURT.

#### 10. Medical records or bills.

See Texas Rule of Civil Procedure 194.2(b)(10).

Produce copies of all medical records and bills that are reasonably related to the injuries or damages asserted or, in lieu thereof, an authorization permitting the disclosure of such medical records and bills.

At the time of this initial response, this family law case does not allege physical or mental injury, and therefore is not requesting damages resulting from any physical or mental injury. Therefore no response to this request is needed at this time. This Response will be amended, as needed.

#### 11. Medical records or bills from 3rd party authorizations.

See Texas Rule of Civil Procedure 194.2(b)(11).

Produce copies of all medical records and bills that you have obtained by using an authorization that the other party gave you.

At the time of this initial response, this family law case does not allege physical or mental injury, and therefore is not requesting damages resulting from any physical or mental injury. No response to this request is needed at this time. This Response will be amended, as needed.

#### 12. Responsible 3rd parties.

See Texas Rule of Civil Procedure 194.2(b)(12).

State the name, address, and telephone number of any person who may be designated as a responsible third party.

At the time of this initial response no responsible third parties have been identified. This Response will be amended, as needed.

#### Required Initial Disclosures for Family Law Cases

See Texas Rule of Civil Procedure 194.2(c).

#### **1. Information Related to Real Property**

See Texas Rule of Civil Procedure 194.2(c)(1)(A)

You need to gather documents related to real property. Give your spouse:

- All deed and lien information on any real property owned, and
- All lease information on any real property leased.

You will need information that goes back for the past two years, unless you have been married less than two years. If you have been married less than two years, you give your spouse documents going back to the date you got married.

This can include things like deeds, closing documents, and mortgage statements. And you need to include documents related to property you owned before the marriage or inherited.

If you do not have access to the accounts, and your name is on the account, you need to make a good faith effort to get the documents. For example, you can reach out to the title company, landlord, or lender.

Property Address/Location	Closing Documents attached (Y/N)	Mortgage Statements attached (Y/N)	Home Equity LOC documents attached (Y/N)	Date of Purchase	Lease documents attached? (Y/N)

**2. Information Related to Pensions and Retirement** (including SEP/IRA, IRA's, 401k accounts, profit-sharing or other employee benefit plan)

See Texas Rule of Civil Procedure 194.2(c)(1)(B).

If you do not have access to the accounts and your name is on the account, make all efforts to get the documents. You will need information that goes back for the past two years, unless you have been married less than two years. If you have been married less than two years, you give your spouse documents going back to the date you got married.

Company name/Financial Institution Name	Last four digits of Account No.	Description of documents	Current Balance/Date

#### 3. Insurance Policies: Life, Homeowners, Automobile and Health

See Texas Rule of Civil Procedure 194.2(c)(1)(C).

If you do not have access to the accounts and your name is on the account, make all efforts to get the documents. You will need information that goes back for the past two years, unless you have been married less than two years. If you have been married less than two years, you give your spouse documents going back to the date you got married. If your name is on an account, you have "constructive possession" of the documents and you must diligently try to get copies.

Insurance company name	Type of coverage	Last four digits of policy number	Declaration Page attached to this form? (Y/N)	Invoices for premiums attached to this form?	Name of person who pays

#### 4. Information Related to Bank Accounts

See Texas Rule of Civil Procedure 194.2(c)(1)(D).

If you do not have access to the accounts and your name is on the account, make all efforts to get the documents. You will need information that goes back for the past two years, unless you have been married less than two years. If you have been married less than two years, you give your spouse documents going back to the date you got married.

Name of Bank, Federal Credit Union, Savings and Loans, Brokerage Firms	Last four digits of account number	Description of documents	Current Balance/Date

#### 5. Health Insurance Policies available for child(ren) and spouses

#### See Texas Rule of Civil Procedure 194.2(c)(2)(A)

In a suit in which child or spousal support is at issue, a party must, without awaiting a discovery request, provide to the other party: (A) information regarding all policies, statements, and the summary description of benefits for any medical and health insurance coverage that is or would be available for the child or the spouse).

If you do not have access to the accounts and your name is on the account, make all efforts to get the documents. You will need information that goes back for the past two years, unless you have been married less than two years. If you have been married less than two years, you give your spouse documents going back to the date you got married.

Insurance company name	Last four digits of policy no.	Type of Coverage	Declaration Page/Premium invoices attached? (Y/N)	Name of person who pays

#### 6. Federal Income Tax Information

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See Texas Rule of Civil Procedure 194.2(c)(2)(B).
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If child support, spousal support, or both are part of this case: Attach two years of returns (if you do not have possession of the return, log into www.irs.gov and request a copy of the transcript AND the return)

Have you attached it? Y/N (circle one)

Attach IRS Form W-2's, IRA Form 1099's and Schedule K-1 for the previous two years

Have you attached it? Y/N (circle one)

#### 7. Payroll Information

See Texas Rule of Civil Procedure 194.2(c)(2)(C).

If child support, spousal support, or both are part of this case: Produce complete copies of your **two** most recent payroll check stubs (log into your employee account, request from your human resources department, request from company office manager/bookkeeper).

Have you attached it? Y/N (circle one)

#### Signature.

I have completed the required disclosures and I have served them on my spouse.

Your printed name: \_\_\_\_\_

#### **Certificate of Service**

I certify that a copy of the Required Disclosures and attached documents were served on my spouse, \_\_\_\_\_\_ (name of your spouse) on

(date),	by	(Check	all	that	apply):	
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electronic file manager (e-filing)		
🗌 email		
🗌 first class (regular) U.S. Mail		
certified U.S. Mail		
registered U.S. Mail	(date).	
by fax, to	_ (number).	
personal delivery by (me/my agent) (circle	one).	
commercial courier delivery service (such	as Federal Express).	
giving a copy to my spouse's lawyer,	- /	(lawyer's name)
via one of the above methods.		

Your signature

	Cause Number:		
In the Ma	tter of the Marriage of:	In the(Court Number)	
Felilioner.	Print first, middle and last name of spouse filing for annulment.	District Court County Court of:	
	And		
Responder	nt:		County,

Print first, middle and last name of other spouse.

County, Texas

#### **Decree of Annulment**

A hearing took place today, and the following people were present. There was no jury because neither party asked for one.

#### 1. Appearances

#### Petitioner

The	Petitioner's name is:			•		
		First	Middle	Last		
(Che	ck one box.).					
	The Petitioner <b>was pres</b> Annulment.	ent, self-represe	nted, and has agreed to the term	s of this Decree of		
	The Petitioner was not present, but has signed below, agreeing to the terms of this Decree of Annulment.					
Res	pondent					
The	Respondent's name is:			·		
		First	Middle	Last		
(Che	ck one box.)					
	The Respondent <b>was p</b>	r <b>esent</b> , self-repre	esented, and agrees to the terms	in this Decree.		
	The Respondent was <b>n</b> oand: <b>(Check all that ap</b>	•	as served, filed an Answer, or sigr	ned a Waiver of Citation,		
[	has signed below, a	greeing to the ter	rms in this Decree of Annulment.			
[	agreed in the Waive notice of this hearing		an finalize the annulment, withou	t giving the Respondent		

has defaulted. The Petitioner has filed a Certificate of Last Known Address and an Affidavit of Non-Military Status.

#### 2. Record

A court reporter (Check one):

did not record today's hearing because the parties and judge agreed not to make a record.

recorded today's hearing.

#### 3. Jurisdiction

The Court received evidence and finds that it has jurisdiction over this case and the parties, that the residency and notice requirements have been met, and that the Petition meets all legal requirements.

#### 4. Findings

The Court finds the material allegations (grounds for annulment) in the Original Petition to Annul Marriage are true and that the marriage should be annulled.

The Court finds that no child was born to or adopted by Petitioner and Respondent, and no child is expected.

The Court finds that Petitioner and Respondent did not accumulate any community property during the marriage, other than personal effects.

#### 5. Annulment Granted

IT IS ORDERED that the marriage between Petitioner and Respondent is null and void.

#### 6. Family Violence Statement

It has been represented to the Court that: (Check ONLY the option that applies to the situation.)

There has been no family violence during this lawsuit, while the divorce was pending, or during the two years prior to the filing of this lawsuit.



There has been family violence during this lawsuit, while the divorce was pending, or during the two years prior to the filing of this lawsuit.

#### 7. Property

IT IS ORDERED that Petitioner take as his or her sole and separate property all the property that is presently in Petitioner's possession and that Respondent take as his or her sole and separate property all the property that is presently in Respondent's possession.

#### 8. Name Confirmation

IT IS ORDERED that the name of (check one): Petitioner Respondent is the name used before marriage, as it appears below:

First

Middle

Last

#### 9. Court Costs

The costs of court shall be paid by the spouse who incurred them to the extent the party is required to pay such costs. A spouse who filed an Affidavit of Indigency or Declaration of Indigency that was not successfully contested is not required to pay court costs.

#### 10. Other Orders

The court has the right to make other orders, if needed, to clarify or enforce the orders above. Any orders requested that do not appear above are denied.

Date of Judgment		Judge's signature	
		Judge's printed name	
By signing below, the P	etitioner agrees to th	e form and substance of this decree of annulment.	
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Petitioner's Name (p	rint)	Phone number	
→			
Petitioner's Signatur	ſe	Date	
Petitioner's			
Mailing Address:			
Detitioner's Email	city	state	zip
Petitioner's Email Address:			
Petitioner's Fax (if available):			

By signing below, the Respondent agrees to the form and substance of this decree of annulment.

Respondent's Name (print)		Phone numb	Phone number				
$\rightarrow$							
Respondent's Signature		Date					
Respondent's Mailing Address:							
—	city		state	zip			
Respondent's Email:							
Respondent's Fax (if available):							

#### **CIVIL CASE INFORMATION SHEET**

#### CAUSE NUMBER (FOR CLERK USE ONLY): \_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ COURT (FOR CLERK USE ONLY): \_\_\_\_\_

#### STYLED \_\_\_\_

(e.g., John Smith v. All American Insurance Co; In re Mary Ann Jones; In the Matter of the Estate of George Jackson)

A civil case information sheet must be completed and submitted when an original petition or application is filed to initiate a new civil, family law, probate, or mental health case or when a post-judgment petition for modification or motion for enforcement is filed in a family law case. The information should be the best available at the time of filing. This sheet, approved by the Texas Judicial Council, is intended to collect information that will be used for statistical purposes only. It neither replaces nor supplements the filings or service of pleading or other documents as required by law or rule. The sheet does not constitute a discovery request, response, or supplementation, and it is not admissible at trial.

1. Contact information for person completing case information sheet:		Names of parties in case:		Person or entity completing sheet is:			
Name:	Email:		Plaintiff(s)/Petitioner(s):		Attorney for Plaintiff/Petitioner <i>Pro Se</i> Plaintiff/Petitioner Title IV-D Agency Other:		
Address:	: Telephone:		L		Additiona	al Parties in Child Support Case:	
City/State/Zip:	Fax:		Defendant(s)/Respond	lent(s):		Custodial	Parent:
Signature:	State Bar No:					Non-Cust	todial Parent:
			[Attach additional page as nec	cessary to list all	l parties]	Presumed	1 Father:
2. Indicate case type, or identify	the most important i	ssue in the case (selec	t only 1):				
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							Post-judgment Actions
Contract	Injury or Dar	nage	Real Property		ge Relatio	onship	(non-Title IV-D)
Debt/Contract Consumer/DTPA Debt/Contract Fraud/Misrepresentation Other Debt/Contract: Foreclosure Home Equity—Expedited Other Foreclosure Franchise	Assault/Battery Construction Defamation Malpractice Accounting Legal Medical Other Professio Liability:	Cor Part Qui Tres Oth nal	inent Domain/ ndemnation et Title spass to Try Title er Property: 	<i>Divorce</i> □Wi	lment re Marriag th Childre Children	-	Enforcement  Modification—Custody Modification—Other  Title IV-D  Enforcement/Modification  Paternity  Reciprocals (UIFSA)  Support Order
Insurance	Motor Vehicle Ac	cident	Matters		er Family		Parent-Child Relationship
Landlord/Tenant Non-Competition Partnership Other Contract:	Premises Product Liability Asbestos/Silica Other Product L List Product: Other Injury or Da	iability	punction gment Nisi I-Disclosure zure/Forfeiture t of Habeas Corpus— -indictment er:	Judgi Habe Name Prote	as Corpus e Change ctive Orde oval of Dis inority	er	Adoption/Adoption with Termination Child Protection Child Support Custody or Visitation Gestational Parenting Grandparent Access Parentage/Paternity Termination of Parental
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#### NOTICE: THIS DOCUMENT CONTAINS SENSITIVE DATA AVISO: ESTE DOCUMENTO CONTIENE INFORMACIÓN CONFIDENCIAL



#### Statement of Inability to Afford Payment of Court Costs or an Appeal Bond

### Declaración sobre Incapacidad de Pago de Costas de Tribunal o de una Fianza de Apelación

#### Cause Number Número de Caso

The Clerk's office will fill in the Cause Number when you file this form.

El Secretario del Tribunal anotará el Número de Caso cuando usted presente este formulario.

v.

Copy information listed at the top left of the petition here.

Copie aquí la información ubicada en la parte superior izquierda del escrito de la demanda.

Copy information listed at the top right of the petition here.

Copie aquí la información ubicada en la parte superior derecha del escrito de la demanda.

Court Number Número del Tribunal

,Texas

- District Court Tribunal de Distrito
- County Court Tribunal del Condado
- County Court at Law Tribunal Estatutario
- Justice Court
   Juzgado de Paz
- Probate Court Juzgado Sucesorio

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Condado

1. Your Information / Su Información								
>	My full legal name is / Mi nombre legal completo es							
	First Middle Last / Nombre de Pila Segundo Nombre Apellido							
>	My date of birth is / Mi fecha de nacimiento es							
	Month Day Year / Mes Día Año							
≻	My address is / Mi dirección es							
	Home / Domicilio							
	Mailing / Dirección Postal							
My phone number / Mi número telefónico								
>	My email I check often / Mi correo electrónico que reviso con frecuencia							

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#### 2. About My Dependents / Mis Dependientes

"The people who depend on me financially are listed below." **Use initials only for children under 18.** If needed, attach a separate piece of paper to list more dependents.

"Las personas a continuación dependen económicamente de mí." **Use iniciales para los menores de 18 años** y, si es necesario, anexe una hoja por separado para enumerar a todos sus dependientes.

Name Nombre	Age Edad	Relationship to me Parentesco Conmigo

## 3. Are you represented by Legal Aid? ¿Está siendo representado por alguna entidad de asistencia legal?

#### Check only one box. Seleccione solo una casilla.

□ I am being represented in this case for free by an attorney who works for a legal aid provider or who received my case through a legal aid provider. I have attached the certificate the legal aid provider gave me as "Exhibit: Legal Aid Certificate."

Me está representando gratuitamente un abogado que trabaja para una entidad de asistencia legal o que recibió mi caso de una entidad de asistencia legal. El certificado que la entidad de asistencia legal me entregó lo adjunto bajo el título, "Anexo: Certificado de Asistencia Legal."

or / o

□ I am not represented by legal aid.

No me está representando ninguna entidad de asistencia legal.

	Do you or any of your dependents receive public benefits? ¿Recibe usted o sus dependientes beneficios de asistencia pública?						
	Yes / Sí		No / <i>No</i>				
	you answered yes, check all that a copy of an eligibility form or check.	••••	y and attach proof to this form, such as				
es	Si respondió con un Sí, marque todas las casillas que apliquen y adjunte a este formulario comprobantes, tales como una copia de la carta autorizando que reciba estos beneficios o una copia del cheque que recibe.						
	Food stamps/SNAP Cupones de comida/SNAP		TANF				
	Medicaid		CHIP				
	SSI/SSDI		WIC				
	Lifeline		Public Housing or Section 8 Housing Asistencia de Vivienda / Programa de Vivienda bajo Sección 8				
	Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Asistencia con Energía Eléctrica		Community Care via HHS Ayuda Comunitaria bajo HHS				
	LIS in Medicare ("Extra Help") Subsidio Adicional de Medicare bajo el Programa LIS		Needs-based VA Pension Pensión para Veteranos de Guerra e función a necesidades				
	Child Care Assistance under Child Care and Development Block Grant Asistencia con Guardería bajo el Programa CCDBG		County Assistance, County Health Care, or General Assistance (GA) Asistencia del Condado, Asistencia Médica del Condado, o Asistencia General (GA)				
П	Other / Otros beneficios		Other / Otros beneficios				

5. What are your monthly income sources? ¿Cuáles son sus fuentes de ingresos mensuales?								
My take-home pay is \$ in monthly wages.								
Mi <b>pago neto</b> es \$ en sueldo mensual.								
I work as a (your job title) for (your employer).								
Y	o trabajo como	(título de su pu	uesto) para					
_	(co	mpañía o jefe).						
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These a	re my income sources. Est	tas son mis fuentes de in	igresos.					
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	He estado desempleado	desde	_ (indique fecha).					
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	\$ from re	tirement or pension / de	jubilación o pensión.					
Þ	\$ from tips or bonus / de propinas o bonos.							
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- \$\_\_\_\_\_\_ from dividends, interest, or royalties / de dividendos, intereses, o regalías.
- \$\_\_\_\_\_\_ from child or spousal support / de manutención de menores o manutención conyugal recibida.
- Answer only if your spouse is not your opponent. Responda tan sólo si su ccónyuge no es parte contraria en esta causa legal.\$\_\_\_\_\_\_ from my spouse's income / de ingresos de mi cónyuge.
- \$\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ from other jobs/sources of income / de otros trabajos/ fuentes de ingresos.

Describe / describa:

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6. What is the value of your asso o propiedades?	ets or property? ¿Cuál es el valor de sus bienes			
My property includes:	Value / Valor			
Mis bienes incluyen:	The value is the amount the item would sell for less the amount you still owe on it, if anything.			
	El valor de sus bienes es la cantidad por la que la propiedad o pertenencia se vendería, menos el monto que aún se adeuda, si lo hubiera.			
<ul> <li>Cash</li> <li>Dinero en efectivo</li> </ul>	\$			
Bank accounts, other financial a Cuentas bancarias, otros biene				
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<ul> <li>Cars and boats (make and year Automóviles, lanchas (modelo y</li> </ul>	•			
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<ul> <li>Other property like jewelry, stoo homestead.)</li> </ul>	\$			
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#### 7. What are your monthly expenses that are not deducted from your paycheck? ¿Cuáles son sus gastos mensuales que no son descontados de su cheque de sueldo?

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### 8. Are there debts or other facts explaining your financial situation? ¿Hay deudas u otros factores que expliquen su situación económica?

My debts include (list debt and amount owed): Mis duedas incluyen (indique deuda y la cantidad que debe):

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If you want the court to consider other facts, such as unusual medical expenses, family emergencies, etc., attach another page to this form labeled "Exhibit: Additional Supporting Facts."

Si usted desea que el tribunal considere otros factores, tales como gastos médicos excepcionales, emergencias familiares, etc., adjunte al formulario otra hoja con esta información y bajo el título, "Anexo: Información Adicional de Apoyo."

### 9. Ability to Pay Court Costs. Declaración sobre su Habilidad de Pagar Costas de Tribunal

Check only one box. Seleccione tan solo una casilla.

- □ I cannot afford to pay court costs. No puedo pagar las costas de tribunal.
- □ I cannot furnish an appeal bond or pay a cash deposit to appeal a justice court decision, and I cannot afford to pay court costs.

No puedo aportar una fianza de apelación ni pagar un depósito en efectivo para apelar la decisión judicial de un magistrado, y no puedo pagar costas de tribunal.

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#### 10. Declaration/Affidavit. Declaración Escrita Bajo Juramento.

Fill out **only one** box. If you fill out the Declaration, you will not need to sign the form in front of a notary public. If you do not want to list your address for privacy or safety concerns, take the form and photo identification, and fill out the Affidavit box in front of a notary public.

Llene tan **solo una** opción. Si usted llena la Declaración, no necesitará firmar el formulario ante un notario. Si usted no quiere que aparezca su domicilio en el documento para conservar su privacidad o por motivos de su seguridad, lleve el formulario y una identificación con fotografía y llene la sección de la Declaración Escrita Bajo Juramento ante un Notario.

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Option 1 / Opción 1				
<b>Declaration</b> : I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.				
<b>Declaración</b> : Yo declaro bajo pena de perjurio que la inform continuación es correcta y verdadera.	nación a			
My name is / Mi nombre es				
My date of birth is / Mi fecha de nacimiento es	-			
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My address is / Mi domicilio es				
Street, city, zip, country Calle y número, ciudad, estado, código postal, pais	-			
➢ Signature Firma				
Date (month, day, year) Fecha (mes, día, año)				
County, state Condado, estado				

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Option 2 / Opción 2
Affidavit: I swear under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.
<b>Declaración Escrita Bajo Juramento:</b> Yo juro bajo pena de perjurio, que lo que precede es correcto y verdadero.
/ou fill out this section. Jsted llena esta sección.
<ul> <li>Your printed name</li> <li>Su nombre en letra de molde</li> </ul>
Your signature Su firma
The notary fills out this section. El Notario llena esta sección.
Subscribed before me this day of Juramentado y suscrito ante mí el día de hoy del mes de
, 20
NOTAR

INFORMATION ON SUIT AFFECTING THE FAMILY RELATIONSHIP

(EXCLUDING ADOPTIONS)								
SECTION I GENERAL INFORMATION (REQUIRED) STATE FILE NUMBER								
1a. C0	1a. COUNTY 1b. COURT NO							
1c. C/	1c. CAUSE NO 1d. DATE OF ORDER (mm/dd/yyyy)							
2. TYI	PE OF ORDER (CHECK	ALL THAT .	APPLY):					
	ORCE/ANNULMENT W	<u>(ITH</u> CHILDI	REN (Sec. 1,2 AND	3)		/ORCE/	ANNULMENT	WITHOUT CHILDREN (Sec 1 AND 2)
FS	ESTABLISHMENT OF COURT OF CONTINUING JURISDICTION (SEC 1 AND 3)							
	(Court Order Establishing Paternity, Conservatorship, Child Support or Termination of Parental Rights)							
	ANGE IN THE NAME OI		· ,					
(Prov	IDE PRIOR AND NEW NAM	E OF CHILD IN	I SECTION <b>3</b> )					
	ANSFER OF COURT OF						ON BELOW)	
	ISFER TO: COUNTY		OURT NO	S <sup>.</sup>	TATE COUF	T ID#_		
3a. N	NAME OF ATTORNEY FOR PE	TITIONER					3b. TELEPHON	E NUMBER (including area code)
3c. c	CURRENT MAILING ADDRESS	(STREET AND N	IUMBER OR P.O BOX, CI	TY, ST,	ATE, ZIP)			
SEC	TION 2 (IF APPLICABL		T OF DIVORCE OF	R AN	NULMENT	OF MAR	RIAGE	
ER	4. NAME (FIRST MIDDLE LAS	;T SUFFIX)						5. MAIDEN LAST NAME (NAME BEFORE 1 <sup>st</sup> MARRIAGE)
PETITIONER	6. PLACE OF BIRTH (CITY AN	D STATE OR FO	REIGN COUNTRY)			7. RACE		8. DATE OF BIRTH ( <i>mm/dd/yyyy</i> )
PET	9. USUAL RESIDENCE	STR	REET NAME & NUMBER		CITY		STATE	ZIP
	10. NAME (FIRST MIDDLE LA	ST SUFFIX)						11. MAIDEN LAST NAME (NAME BEFORE 1 <sup>ST</sup> MARRIAGE)
RESPONDENT	12. PLACE OF BIRTH (CITY A	ND STATE OR I	OREIGN COUNTRY)			13. RAC	E	14. DATE OF BIRTH ( <i>mm/dd/yyyy</i> )
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RE	15. USUAL RESIDENCE (STR	ET AND NUMB	ER CITY, STATE, ZIP)					
16. N	16. NUMBER OF MINOR CHILDREN 17. DATE OF MARRIAGE ( <i>mm/dd/yyyy</i> ) 18. PLACE OF MARRIAGE ( <i>CITY AND STATE OR FOREIGN COUNTRY</i> )						OR FOREIGN COUNTRY)	
SEC	TION 3 (IF APPLICABL	.E) CHILDR	EN AFFECTED BY	( THI	S SUIT			
	19a. CHILD CURRENT NAME	(FIRST MIDDLE	LAST SUFFIX)					
-	19b. date of Birth (mm/a	d/yyyy)	19c. SEX	19d	BIRTHPLACE (C	CITY, COUI	NTY AND STATE)	
CHILD	19e. PRIOR NAME OF CHILD (FIRST MIDDLE LAST SUFFIX) – IF APPLICABLE							
20a. CHILD CURRENT NAME (FIRST MIDDLE LAST SUFFIX)								
CHILD 2	20b. DATE OF BIRTH (mm/dd/yyyy)     20c. SEX     20d. BIRTHPLACE (CITY, COUNTY AND STATE)							
Ċ	20e. PRIOR NAME OF CHILD	PRIOR NAME OF CHILD (FIRST MIDDLE LAST SUFFIX) – IF APPLICABLE						
	21a. CHILD CURRENT NAME (FIRST MIDDLE LAST SUFFIX)							
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CHILD	21b. DATE OF BIRTH (mm/o	а/уууу)	21c. sex	21d.	. BIRTHPLACE (C	CITY, COUI	NTY AND STATE)	
	21e. PRIOR NAME OF CHILD (FIRST MIDDLE LAST SUFFIX) – IF APPLICABLE							

ADDITIONAL CHILDREN LISTED ON BACK OF THE FORM.

I CERTIFY THAT THE ABOVE ORDER WAS GRANTED ON THE DATE AND PLACE AS STATED.

SIGNATURE OF THE CLERK OF THE COURT

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ADDITIONAL CHILDREN AFFECTED BY THIS SUIT FROM SECTION 3 (IF APPLICABLE)			
	23a. CHILD CURRENT NAME (FIRST MIDDLE LAST SUFFIX)		
CHILD 4	23b. DATE OF BIRTH (mm/dd/yyyy)	23c. sex	23d. BIRTHPLACE (CITY, COUNTY AND STATE)
	23e. PRIOR NAME OF CHILD ( <i>FIRST MIDDLE LAST SUFFIX</i> ) – IF APPLICABLE		
CHILD 5	24a. CHILD CURRENT NAME (FIRST MIDDLE LAST SUFFIX)		
	24b. date of Birth ( <i>mm/dd/yyyy</i> )	24c. sex	24d. BIRTHPLACE (CITY, COUNTY AND STATE)
0	24e. PRIOR NAME OF CHILD ( <i>FIRST MIDDLE LAST SUFFIX</i> ) – IF APPLICABLE		
	25a. CHILD CURRENT NAME (FIRST MIDDLE LAST SUFFIX)		
CHILD 6	25b. date of Birth (mm/dd/yyyy)	25c. sex	25d. BIRTHPLACE (CITY, COUNTY AND STATE)
	25e. prior name of child ( <i>First middle last suffix</i> ) – <i>if applicable</i>		

#### Instructions for Completing the Suit Affecting Parent Child Relationship Form GENERAL REQUIREMENT:

All divorces/annulments (with or without children) and all suits affecting the parent-child relationship must be reported through the clerk of the court to the State Vital Statistics Unit (VSU).

Consolidated reporting by petitioners, attorneys, and the courts is designed to make mandatory reporting more efficient, timely, and improve the quality of reporting. However, this reporting system is only as good or timely as you make it; therefore, your attention in completing and filing this report is critical.

Legal basis for this reporting is contained in Health and Safety Code §194.002 and Texas Family Code §§108.001-.002 and 108.004.

For information concerning reporting or questions about this form, contact field services at <u>fieldservices@dshs.texas.gov</u> or by phone at 512-776-3010.

#### The VSU-165 form must be printed double-sided (one sheet not two).

For information on the court of continuing jurisdiction of a child, contact VSU at (888) 963-7111 ext. 2529. Inquiries should be addressed to VSU, 1100 West 49th Street, Austin, Texas, 78756-3191; inquiries may also be faxed to (512) 776-7164.

#### SECTION 1 GENERAL INFORMATION (REQUIRED)

This section must be completed for each report filed.

- 1a d. Enter the required information to identify the court proceeding.
- 2. Check the type of suit being reported. This determines also which sections of the form must be completed. If more than one type of order applies, check all that apply. Transfers from one jurisdiction to another must be reported in this section (if court number is unknown, specify "unknown").
- 3a c. Complete the attorney information to assist in questions or follow up. If case was pro se, please enter the information of the person completing this form.

#### SECTION 2 (IF APPLICABLE) REPORT OF DIVORCE OR ANNULMENT OF MARRIAGE

All divorces/annulments must be reported, even if there were no minor children. All information is required.

- 4-9. Report the Petitioner's information including maiden name (if applicable ).
- 10-15. Report the Respondent's information, including maiden name (if applicable ).
- 16. Report the number of minor children affected by this divorce; if none, record "0." This number must correspond to the listing of children in Section 3.
- 17-18. Enter the date and place of the marriage being dissolved.

#### SECTION 3 (IF APPLICABLE) CHILDREN AFFECTED BY THIS SUIT

Every child affected by the suit being reported must be listed, and all items concerning that child must be completed. If more than three children are affected, check the "additional children listed on back of form" box, and continue to list the additional children. If more than 6 children complete section 3 on another form, label it "continuation" and attached the continuation form to the original form.