



GUIDELINES FOR WITNESS STATEMENT

In order to make a determination about the validity of a marriage, it is necessary for the Tribunal to have knowledge of the backgrounds and personalities of the two parties, as well as the history of the relationship from courtship to final separation. We understand that you may not be able to answer all the questions below; but any information you can provide will help.

Please title your statement with the last name of the person requesting the annulment, followed by the last name of the former spouse (e.g. Smith – Jones). The woman's maiden name should be used. Indicate your full name and address, and your relationship to the parties. Married couples, if applicable, are to submit separate statements. Statements should be typewritten/written legibly on one side of 8 ½ X 11 paper. Please sign and date your statement and retain a copy for your file.

BACKGROUND AND PERSONALITY OF EACH PARTY...Description of each party's personality, relationship with parents, social life, work history, trouble with the law or authority, use of drugs/alcohol, attitude toward sex, general level of maturity and responsibility, any background influences which might be noteworthy.

COURTSHIP...Length, how they met, source of attraction, frequency of dates, kinds of things done together. Problems in dating: serious arguments, breaks in the relationship, how relationship resumed. How subject of marriage arose: circumstances of engagement. Attitude of each party toward sex during courtship, children fidelity, divorce. Any unusual pressure to marry. Anyone who advised against marrying and reasons for this.

MARRIAGE...Attitudes/feelings of each party on day of wedding. Any unusual incidents before, at ceremony or reception? Attitude of each toward domestic chores/sharing of responsibilities; attitude toward and use of sex in entire marriage; sensitivity to each other's needs; to children/their care; sharing of interests/concerns; use of leisure time and money; any physical/emotional mistreatment. When did problems arise/over what issues? Any use of counselors, psychiatrists, or other professional help? Temporary separations: dates, reasons, mode of reconciliation. What caused the final separation?

PRESENT STATUS...Briefly tell what has happened to each of these persons since their divorce. Add any other information you think might be helpful to the Tribunal.

Would you be willing to answer additional questions from a member of the Tribunal staff in person, via telephone, or in writing?

**PLEASE MAIL YOUR STATEMENT DIRECTLY TO THE ADDRESS BELOW
TO THE ATTENTION OF THE TRIBUNAL**