COMPLAINT FOR ANNULMENT

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Use this packet only if <u>all</u> of the following statements are true:

You and your spouse were married in Nevada –**OR**– You and your spouse were married elsewhere but you or your spouse has lived in Nevada for at least six weeks.

You and your spouse have no minor children born to or adopted by you.

You and your spouse have no community assets or debts to be divided.

There is a legal reason for the annulment. (The legal reasons for an annulment can be found in the Nevada Revised Statutes, a copy of the Nevada Revised Statutes regarding annulments is available at the back of this packet.)

*If any of these do not apply to you please contact the Resource Center, the Law Library, or seek the advice of a licensed attorney.

Attention

Please note the length of the marriage and/or the fact that the parties did not actually cohabit or consummate the marriage are not, by themselves, grounds for an annulment.

The penalty for willfully making a false statement under penalty of perjury is a minimum of 1 year, and a maximum of 4 years in prison, in addition to a fine of not more than \$5,000.00. N.R.S. §199.145

INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING FORMS

Carefully read all instructions before starting to fill out any of the forms.

Use **black or blue ink only**. Neatly print the information requested.

Do not use correction fluid/tape on the forms.

This packet contains the following forms:

- 1. EFile User Agreement (Standard)
- 2. Family Court Information Sheet
- 3. Complaint for Annulment
- Declaration of Resident Witness
 (To be used only if you or your spouse is a resident of the State of Nevada
 AND you wish to ask for a divorce if the annulment is not granted -OR- if you were married outside of the State of Nevada.)
- 5. Summons
- 6. Declaration of Personal Service

This packet contains the following additional information:

1. Nevada Revised Statutes regarding annulment

INSTRUCTIONS: STEP 1

If you already have an eFlex account for a different case, you do not need to create another account and can skip this step.

eFlex Account and eFile User Agreement:

To file your documents, you will need to sign up for an eFlex account and have a valid email address. There is no fee to sign up for a standard eFlex account.

To sign up:

 Carefully read and complete the eFile User Agreement (Standard) by filling in as much information as possible, signing, and dating page two;
 Return the eFile User Agreement (Standard) to the Second Judicial District Court, or email it to <u>eflexsupport@washoecourts.us;</u>
 Request an account at <u>https://wceflex.washoecourts.com/</u>.



If you need further assistance signing up for an account, please call the Resource Center at 775-325-6731.

INSTRUCTIONS: STEP 2

Complete the Family Court Information Sheet as Shown:



INSTRUCTIONS: STEP 3

Complete the Complaint for Annulment as Shown:



INSTRUCTIONS: STEP 4

Complete the Index of Exhibits and the Exhibit Cover Page as Shown:



INSTRUCTIONS: STEP 5

Use this document only if:

a) You wish to ask for a divorce if the annulment is not granted **AND** you and/or your spouse is a resident of Nevada.

-OR-

b) If you were married outside of the State of Nevada **AND** you and/or your spouse is a resident of Nevada.

Complete the Declaration of Resident Witness as Shown:

You or your spouse cannot fill out this form as the resident witness. Who can fill out this form? Someone who is 18 years of age or older, a resident of the State of Nevada, and who knows that you or your spouse have been physically present in Nevada for at least six weeks before filing for an annulment.



INSTRUCTIONS: STEP 6

Electronically Filing the Documents

You will need to upload the original documents to eFlex. EFlex is available online at <u>https://wceflex.washoecourts.com/</u>, in the Law Library and the Resource Center.

If you have not done so, you will need to sign up for an eFlex account and turn in the EFile User Agreement (*see INSTRUCTIONS: STEP 1*), to the Second Judicial District Court or email to <u>eflexsupport@washoecourts.us</u>.

Sign into your eFlex account using the username and password you created and electronically file the:

- Family Court Information Sheet;
- Complaint for Annulment and any exhibits; and
- Declaration of Resident Witness (if applicable).

Make sure to keep the original documents you file for your personal records. Filestamped copies of your documents are available through your eFlex account.

Scanners are available at the Law Library and the Resource Center.

There may be a filing fee charged when documents are filed. Fee information is available at the Resource Center and online at: <u>www.washoecourts.com</u>.

FILING FEE WAIVERS

If you cannot afford the fee, you may apply to have it waived. To apply, you must fill out and file the **Application for Waiver of Fees and Costs packet**, which you can get at:

- Resource Center, 1 South Sierra Street, Reno, NV, Third Floor
- Law Library, 75 Court Street, Reno, NV, First Floor
- Online at: <u>www.washoecourts.com</u> (select the "Forms and Packets" tab on the right-hand side of the home screen)

INSTRUCTIONS: STEP 7

Complete the Summons as Shown:



INSTRUCTIONS: STEP 8

Getting the Summons Issued

You will need to bring the Summons to the Resource Center or mail a copy of the Summons to the Filing Office using the following address:

75 Court Street Reno, Nevada 89501 Attention Mail Desk

Once received, a filing clerk will issue the Summons by dating and signing the Summons and placing an embossed seal.

If you bring in the Summons in person, the Summons will be immediately returned to you.

If you mail in the Summons, you will receive the issued Summons back in the mail.

You will need to make a copy of the Summons to serve your spouse with.

Copy machines are available at the Law Library located on the first floor of the courthouse at 75 Court Street, Reno, NV. There is a per page charge to use the copy machine. Cash only.

INSTRUCTIONS: STEP 9

Setting a Case Management Conference

You must set a case management conference. The court will not automatically set one for you.

To set up your case management conference, you will need to contact the department in which your case will be heard. Once you have filed your documents, the Resource Center will assign you a case number and department. For contact information for each department, visit <u>www.washoecourts.com/judges</u>.

Alternatively, you can set a case management conference in person. To do so visit the Resource Center.

INSTRUCTIONS: STEP 10

Serving the Documents

The other party **must be personally served** within 120 days after the complaint is filed or your case may be dismissed. You must have your spouse personally served with a copy of the summons, complaint, notice of case management conference. The file-stamped documents should be stapled together with a **copy** of the "issued" summons on top. The original summons must be filed with the court after service is completed.

Personal Service

You cannot complete personal service. Service may be completed by:

- the Civil Division of the Sheriff's Office in the county in which your spouse resides or works; or
- a responsible adult over the age of 18 years (such as a friend or relative); or
- a private process service.

Personal service is completed by a person other than yourself by:

- handing a copy of the summons and complaint along with all other documents you have filed with the court to your spouse; or
- leaving a copy at your spouse's home with a person of suitable age and discretion who lives there; or
- delivering a copy to an agent authorized to receive service (such as an attorney).

INSTRUCTIONS: STEP 11

Complete the Declaration of Personal Service as Shown:

The person who serves your spouse must complete this declaration (see Instructions: Step 10). You cannot serve your spouse.

The person who completes service must fill out the declaration and sign it. It is your responsibility to file the original summons and declaration of service with the court after service is complete.



INSTRUCTIONS: STEP 12

Filing the Summons and Declaration of Service

After service is completed, you must file the original summons and declaration of service with the court. Without proof of service on your spouse, the court cannot grant the annulment.

Your spouse has 21 days after the date of service in which to file an answer to the complaint. If your spouse does not file an answer, please contact the Resource Center for further information regarding a **default packet**.

Service by Publication or Alternative Service

If you do not know where your spouse is or you are unable to serve your spouse by personal service, you may file an **ex parte motion** to ask to complete service by alternative service or publication. Contact the Resource Center for further information.

Legal Assistance Information

The information in this packet is provided as a courtesy only. This packet is not a substitute for the advice of an attorney. Counsel is always recommended for legal matters.

If you do not have an attorney, you are encouraged to seek the advice of a licensed attorney or contact the Resource Center or the Law Library. **The Resource Center and the Law Library staff cannot give legal advice** but can give information regarding court procedures.

You may wish to speak with a lawyer at no cost through the Law Library's Lawyer in the Library program. The Lawyer in the Library program is held via Zoom; you must register ahead of time to participate. No walk-ins accepted as space is limited.

LAWYER IN THE LIBRARY

Sign up on our website: <u>https://www.washoecourts.com/LawLibrary/LawyerInLibrary</u> For questions, contact the Law Library at 775-328-3250

To seek assistance from other free or reduced-cost legal resources in the area, please contact:

NEVADA LEGAL SERVICES

449 S. Virginia St. Reno, NV 89501 775-284-3491 – leave a message, if necessary https://nevadalegalservices.org

NORTHERN NEVADA LEGAL AID

1 S. Sierra St., 1st Floor Reno, NV 89501 775-321-2062 – leave a message, if necessary <u>https://nnlegalaid.org</u>

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NEVADA ANNULMENT STATUTES

NRS 125.290 Void Marriages. All marriages are prohibited by law because of:

- 1. Consanguinity between the parties; or
- 2. Either of the parties having a former spouse then living, if solemnized within this State, are void without any decree of divorce or annulment or other legal proceedings. A marriage void under this section shall not bar prosecution for the crime of bigamy pursuant to NRS 201.160.

NRS 125.300 Voidable Marriages: Causes for annulment.

A marriage may be annulled for any of the causes provided in NRS 125.320 to NRS 125.350, inclusive.

NRS 125.320 Cause for annulment: Lack of consent of parent or guardian.

- 1. When the consent of a parent, guardian or district court, as required by 122.025, has not been obtained, the marriage is void from the time its nullity is declared by a court of competent jurisdiction.
- 2. If the consent required by 122.025 is not first obtained, the marriage contracted without the consent of a parent, guardian or district court may be annulled upon application by or on behalf of the person who fails to obtain such consent, unless such person after reaching the age of 18 years freely cohabits for any time with the other party to the marriage as a married couple. Any such annulment proceedings must be brought within 1 year after such person reaches the age of 18 years.

NRS 125.330 Cause for annulment: Want of understanding.

- 1. When either of the parties to a marriage for want of understanding shall be incapable of assenting thereto, the marriage shall be void from the time its nullity shall be declared by a court of competent authority.
- 2. The marriage of any insane person shall not be adjudged void, after his or her restoration to reason, if it shall appear the parties freely cohabitated together as a married couple after such insane person was restored to a sound mind.

NRS 125.340 Cause for annulment: Fraud.

- 1. If the consent of either party was obtained by fraud and fraud has been proved, the marriage shall be void from the time its nullity shall be declared by a court of competent authority.
- 2. No marriage may be annulled for fraud if the parties to the marriage voluntarily cohabit as a married couple having received knowledge of such fraud.

NRS 125.350 Cause for annulment: Grounds for declaring contract void in equity.

A marriage may be annulled for any cause which is a ground for annulling or declaring void a contract in a court of equity.

NRS 125.360 Annulment of marriage contracted within State: No requirement of residence.

Annulment of marriages contracted, performed or entered into within the State of Nevada may be obtained by complaint, under oath, to any district court of the State of Nevada for any cause provided by law for annulment of marriage.

NRS 125.370 Annulment of marriage not contracted within State: Jurisdiction of district court.

- 1. Annulment of marriages contracted, performed or entered into without the State of Nevada may, for any cause provided by law for annulment of marriage, be obtained by complaint, under oath, to the district court of any county if the plaintiff shall have resided 6 weeks in the State before suit be brought; otherwise, under oath, to the district court of the county in which:
 - a. The defendant shall reside of be found; or
 - b. The plaintiff shall reside, if the latter be the county in which the parties last cohabited.
- 2. No court in this State shall have authority to annul any marriage contracted, performed or entered into without the State of Nevada unless one of the parties shall have resided in this State for the period of 6 weeks before filing of the complaint.

NRS 125.380 Cause for annulment may be pleaded in divorce complaint.

A cause of action for annulment may be pleaded in the same complaint with a cause of action for divorce.

NRS 125.390 Action in rem; status of parties determined.

Any action brought in this State for annulment of marriage shall be an action in rem, and in addition to annulling or declaring the contract of marriage void the courts shall regulate and determine the status of the parties.

NRS 125.400 Service of process.

In any suits brought under this chapter for annulment of marriage, process shall be served in the same manner as in actions at law, and the courts shall have the same power upon a substituted or constructive service of process to annul a marriage and regulate and determine the status of the parties as they would have had if process had been personally served.

NRS 125.410 Issue of marriages are legitimate.

- 1. Nothing in this chapter shall be construed so as to make the issue of any marriage illegitimate if the person or persons not be of lawful age.
- 2. The issue of all marriages deemed null in law shall be legitimate.

NRS 125.420 Presumption: Law of another state same as law of Nevada.

In any suit in this State for an annulment of marriage in anywise affected by the law of another state, it shall be presumed that the law of such other state is the same as the law of this State, unless and until the law of such other state shall be alleged and proved.

NRS 125.430 Reporting and transcription of evidence: Filing and costs.

- 1. When ordered by the court, the evidence in annulment of marriage actions shall be reported and transcribed and the transcript thereof filed with the pleadings in the case.
- 2. The cost of such transcript shall be immediately computed by the reporter and paid by the party ordered by the court to do so to the clerk of the court, who shall pay the same to the reporter upon receiving from the latter the transcript of evidence.
- 3. In all cases heretofore or hereafter where a transcript of evidence has not been filed due to the death of the reporter, and a period of not less than 5 years has elapsed and no claim has been made during that period by any party, the amount of money on deposit with the clerk, and payable to such reporter if a transcript of the evidence had been filed, shall be, by the clerk, paid to the county treasurer, who shall deposit the same in the county general fund.

NRS 125.440 Judgment for arrearages in payment of support.

- 1. When either party to an action for annulment or declaration of nullity of a void marriage, makes default in paying any sum of money as required by the judgment or order directing the payment thereof, the district court may make an order directing the entry of judgment for the amount of such arrears, together with costs and a reasonable attorney's fee.
- 2. The application of such order shall be upon such notice to the defaulting party as the court may direct.
- 3. The judgment may be enforced by execution or in any other manner provided by law for the collection of money judgments.