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Case: Prot. No.:
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**PETITION FOR LIGAMEN**

[A separate form is to be filled out for each marriage in question]

1. Current full name - [Maiden name if applicable]:

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Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
 City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Work: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

2. Date and Place of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

3. Were you ever baptized in the Catholic Church? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_  
 When: \_\_\_\_\_ Where: \_\_\_\_\_

4. Were you ever baptized in any other church or sect? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_  
 When: \_\_\_\_\_ Where: \_\_\_\_\_

5. What is the current name of previous spouse - [Include maiden name if applicable]:  
 \_\_\_\_\_

6. When did your previous marriage take place? \_\_\_\_\_  
 Where? \_\_\_\_\_  
 Before whom? \_\_\_\_\_

7. What was the religion of your previous spouse at the time of the marriage? \_\_\_\_\_

8. What is the current name, address and phone number of your previous spouse?  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

9. What is the current name, address and phone number of his/her parents?  
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[The next questions deal with your former spouse's previous marriage]

10. Whom did he/she marry? \_\_\_\_\_

Date and place of marriage: \_\_\_\_\_

Before whom? \_\_\_\_\_

11. Was his/her previous spouse living at the time he/she entered marriage with you? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

12. How do you know this? \_\_\_\_\_

13. What is the current name, address and phone number of this person?

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

14. What is the religion of this person? \_\_\_\_\_

15. Do you swear to the truth of your answers? \_\_\_\_\_

**STATUS CONCERNING PRESENT MARRIAGE OR FUTURE MARRIAGE [When applicable]:**

Person whom Petitioner has married or is planning to marry: \_\_\_\_\_

Has this person ever been married? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

If so, has a declaration of invalidity been granted? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

If not, is this person open to having a study done on his/her previous marriage? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Petitioner

\_\_\_\_\_  
Priest or Pastoral Minister

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parish

(PARISH SEAL)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Address

\_\_\_\_\_  
City/State/Zip

**THIS FORM SHOULD BE TURNED IN TO THE TRIBUNAL WITH THE FOLLOWING DOCUMENTS:**

- Baptismal record of the Catholic Party - If Applicable (Updated within six months).
- Marriage License and Divorce Decree of the marriage being challenged.
- Marriage License and Divorce Decree of the Parties in the prior marriage, which is the basis for the Ligamen.

[Sample Ligamen Case: John, the Petitioner, asks that his marriage to Betty, the Respondent, be declared invalid and void because at the time of their marriage, Betty was bound by a prior marriage to a former spouse.]