

Court File No.:

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE NORTHWEST TERRITORIES

BETWEEN:

The First Petitioner

and

The Second Petitioner

JOINT PETITION FOR DIVORCE

Relief the Petitioners are Seeking

1. The Petitioners ask for a Divorce Judgment and the following relief on consent: *(choose all that apply)*

- Decision-making responsibility for child(ren);
- Parenting time with child(ren);
- Child support as required by the *Federal Child Support Guidelines*;
- Child support in an amount other than what is required by the *Federal Child Support Guidelines*;
- Spousal support;
- Other *(specify)*

Reason for Divorce:

2. The Petitioners are seeking a divorce on the grounds of the breakdown of the marriage because they have been living separate and apart since *(insert date of separation)* and will have been living separate and apart for at least one (1) year at the determination of this proceeding.

Reconciliation

3. Choose one:

_____ There is no possibility of reconciliation

_____ The following efforts to reconcile have been made (*provide details*):

No Collusion

4. There has been no conspiracy or agreement between the Petitioners, directly or indirectly, for the purpose of subverting the administration of justice and no agreement, understanding or arrangement to fabricate or suppress evidence or to deceive this Honourable Court.

Information about the Marriage:

5. The particulars of the marriage are:

- a. Date of marriage: _____
- b. Place of marriage: _____
- c. First Petitioner's full name the day before the marriage: _____
- d. Second Petitioner's full name the day before the marriage: _____
- e. Marital status the day before the marriage:
 - i. First Petitioner: _____ (*single, divorced, widowed*)
 - ii. Second Petitioner: _____ (*single, divorced, widowed*)
- f. Gender on the day before the marriage:
 - i. First Petitioner: (*specify*):
 - _____ *male,*
 - _____ *female,*
 - _____ *another gender,*
 - _____ *information not available*
 - ii. Second Petitioner: (*specify*):
 - _____ *male,*
 - _____ *female,*
 - _____ *another gender,*
 - _____ *information not available*
- g. First Petitioner's birthday: _____
- h. First Petitioner's place of birth: _____
- i. Second Petitioner's birthday: _____

- j. Second Petitioner's place of birth: _____
- k. First Petitioner's address: _____
- l. Second Petitioner's address: _____

Official Documentation respecting the Marriage

- 6. A marriage certificate or a certified copy of the marriage registration is attached and it accurately sets out the particulars of the marriage.

(NOTE: If the marriage certificate cannot be obtained,, you must explain why (for example, the marriage took place outside Canada and the records have been destroyed). If you cannot provide the certificate, you must provide the following information: the place and date, the licence, the name of the person who performed the marriage ceremony, the names of the witnesses to the marriage and a statement that the Petitioners considered themselves married. If available, you may also attach a certificate from a religious ceremony. It is expected that a marriage certificate will be obtained and presented for a marriage which has taken place in Canada)

Residency

- 7. The First Petitioner (*or the Second Petitioner*) has been ordinarily resident in the Northwest Territories for at least one year immediately before the day this Joint Petition was issued.

Spousal Support

- 8. Choose one:

_____ There will be no order for spousal support

_____ The Petitioners consent to an order for spousal support for (*name of Petitioner who will receive spousal support*) as follows:

Information About Child(ren)

- 9. Choose one:

_____ There are no children of the marriage (go to "Other Agreements")

_____ The names and dates of birth of all children of the marriage are set out below:

- 10. The Petitioners consent to an order for decision-making responsibility as follows:

11. The Petitioners consent to an order for parenting time as follows:

Financial Arrangements for the Children

12. The Petitioners have made the following financial arrangements for the care and support of the child(ren):

Other Agreements

13. Choose one:

_____ The particulars of all written or oral agreements between the Petitioners regarding financial support for either of them, and for parenting time, decision-making responsibility and financial support for any child(ren) are as follows (*provide dates and summarize*):

_____ There are no agreements other than what is consented to in this Joint Petition.

Information about Other Court Orders or Proceedings

14. Choose one

_____ There have been no other court proceedings.

_____ The particulars of all court proceedings regarding the marriage, financial support of either the First or Second Petitioner or the child(ren), and parenting time, decision-making authority, custody or access to the child(ren) are as follows (*check all that apply*):

_____ Proceedings/orders under the *Children's Law Act*;

_____ Proceedings/orders under the *Family Law Act*;

_____ Proceedings/orders under the *Protection Against Family Violence Act*;

- _____ Proceedings/orders/measures/undertakings/recognizances in relation to matters of a criminal nature;
- _____ Proceedings/orders/measures under the *Child and Family Services Act*;
- _____ Other (*specify*)

JOINT PETITIONERS' CERTIFICATE

(To be signed only if there are children of the marriage)

We (*name of First Petitioner*) and (*name of Second Petitioner*) certify to the Court that we are aware of the following duties imposed on us by sections 7.1 to 7.5 of the *Divorce Act* (Canada) and we will:

- exercise decision-making responsibility, parenting time or contact with a child in a manner that is consistent with the child(ren)'s best interests;
- protect the child(ren) from conflict arising from this case, to the best of our ability;
- try to resolve family law issues by using out-of-court dispute resolution options, if it is appropriate;
- provide complete, accurate and up-to-date information in this case; and
- comply with any and all orders made in this case.

First Petitioner's Signature

Date

Second Petitioner's Signature

Date

JOINT PETITIONERS' ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RIGHTS

We (*name of First Petitioner*) and (*name of Second Petitioner*) present this Joint Petitioner with full knowledge and understanding that:

- we are each entitled to obtain independent legal advice and to be separately represented by a lawyer of our own choice; and
- neither of us can be legally required by the other to seek a divorce judgment or to sign this Joint Petition.

First Petitioner's Signature

Date

Second Petitioner's Signature

Date

LAWYER'S CERTIFICATE – FIRST PETITIONER

(Not required if First Petitioner is self-represented)

I, _____ am the lawyer for *(name of First Petitioner)*. I certify that I have complied with the requirements of s. 7.7 of the *Divorce Act* regarding reconciliation and the duty to discuss and inform.

Lawyer's signature

Date

LAWYER'S CERTIFICATE – SECOND PETITIONER

(Not required if Second Petitioner is self-represented)

I, _____ am the lawyer for *(name of Second Petitioner)*. I certify that I have complied with the requirements of s. 7.7 of the *Divorce Act* regarding reconciliation and the duty to discuss and inform.

Lawyer's signature

Date

Lawyer or First Petitioner's signature

Date

Mailing and telephone number:

Lawyer or Second Petitioner's signature

Date

Mailing and telephone number:

ISSUED out of the office of the Clerk of the Supreme Court on _____
Date

Clerk of the Supreme Court