

**SUPERIOR COURT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
FAMILY COURT
Domestic Relations Branch**

PRINT YOUR SPOUSE'S NAME

STREET ADDRESS

CITY, STATE AND ZIP CODE

_____ DRB _____

RELATED CASES:

PLAINTIFF,

v.

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HAVE WRITTEN SOMEONE ELSE'S ADDRESS BECAUSE
YOU FEAR HARASSMENT OR HARM.

DEFENDANT.

**CONTESTED ANSWER TO COMPLAINT FOR ANNULMENT AND
COUNTERCLAIM**

I, _____, am the Defendant in this case.
PRINT YOUR NAME

1. With regard to this Court's authority to decide my spouse's request for annulment and related issues, I answer and state that [CHECK ONE]

I agree with my spouse's statement that this Court has the authority to decide my spouse's request for annulment and related issues.

I disagree with my spouse's statement that this Court has the authority to decide my spouse's request for annulment and related issues.

2. With regard to my marriage to my spouse, I answer and state that [CHECK ONE]

- I agree** with my spouse's statement about how, when and where we were married.
- I disagree** with my spouse's statement about how, when and where we were married.

3. With regard to whether my marriage should be annulled, I answer and state that [CHECK ONE]

- I agree** with my spouse's statement about why our marriage should be annulled.
- I disagree** with my spouse's statement about why our marriage should be annulled.

4. With regard to my spouse's married name, I answer and state that [CHECK ALL THAT APPLY]

- I agree** with my spouse's statement about his or her name change.
- I disagree** with my spouse's statement about his or her name change.
- I further state** that I changed my name when I married my spouse and I now wish to return to my birth name or another legal name I used before my marriage. I have no illegal or fraudulent reason for making this request. The former name I want restored is

PRINT NAME YOU WOULD LIKE THE COURT TO RESTORE

Marital Property & Marital Debt

5. With regard to property from my marriage, I answer and state that [CHECK ONE]

- I agree** with my spouse's statement about marital property, **and I agree** with all of my spouse's statements on Attachment A.
- I disagree** with my spouse's statement about marital property **and further state** that I have completed and attached the additional information required on Attachment A, which I incorporate into this Contested Answer and Counterclaim.

6. With regard to debt from my marriage, I answer and state that [CHECK ONE]

- I agree** with my spouse's statement that we have marital debt we are asking the Court to assign, **and I agree** with all of my spouse's statements on Attachment A.

I disagree with my spouse's statement about marital debt **and further state** that I have completed and attached the additional information required on Attachment A, which I incorporate into this Contested Answer and Counterclaim.

Alimony

7. With regard to my spouse's statement about temporary financial support, I answer and state that [CHECK ALL THAT APPLY]

I agree with my spouse's statement about temporary financial support.

I disagree with my spouse's statement about temporary financial support at this time and will file an "Opposition to Motion for Temporary Alimony" if my spouse files a separate motion requesting temporary alimony.

I further state that I need temporary financial support and will file a separate motion ("Motion for Temporary Alimony") asking the Court to grant this request.

8. With regard to my spouse's statement about alimony, I answer and state that [CHECK ALL THAT APPLY]

I agree with my spouse's statement about alimony.

I disagree with my spouse's statement about his or her need for alimony **and/or I disagree** that I have the ability to pay alimony.

I further state that I need alimony from my spouse and I believe my spouse has the ability to pay alimony to me.

Custody

9. With regard to my spouse's statement about children of this marriage, I answer and state that [CHECK ONE]

I agree with my spouse's statement about custody.

I disagree with my spouse's statement about custody, and I have completed and attached the additional information required on Attachment B, which I incorporate into this Contested Answer and Counterclaim.

Child Support

10. With regard to my spouse's statement about my legal obligation to contribute to the support of our eligible child(ren), including any adult disabled children, I answer and state that [CHECK ONE]

- I agree** with my spouse's statement about my legal obligation.
- I disagree** with my spouse's statement about my legal obligation.

11. With regard to my spouse's request for child support, I answer and state that [CHECK ALL THAT APPLY]

- I agree** with my spouse's statement about child support.
- I disagree** with my spouse's statement about child support, and I have completed and attached the additional information required on Attachment C, which I incorporate into this Contested Answer and Counterclaim.
- I further state** that I am asking the Court to award child support to me, **and** I have completed and attached the additional information required on Attachment C, which I incorporate into this Complaint.

Attachments

12. With regard to my spouse's statement that he or she included attachment(s) to his or her Complaint for Annulment of Marriage, I answer and state that [CHECK ONE]

- I agree** with my spouse's statement about attachments.
- I disagree** with my spouse's statement about attachments.

13. I further state that in support of my Answer and Counterclaim, I have included the following attachment(s):

- No attachments
- Attachment A (Marital Property and Marital Debt)
- Attachment B (Child Custody)
- Attachment C (Child Support)

Request for Relief

I RESPECTFULLY REQUEST that the Court: [CHECK ALL THAT APPLY]

- Grant Deny my spouse's request for an Annulment of Marriage.
- Divide marital property and/or assign marital debt in a manner that is equitable, just and reasonable.
- Award alimony in a manner that is fair and just.
- Award custody in the best interests of the child(ren).
- Deny my spouse's request for child support according to the Child Support Guideline of the District of Columbia and other applicable laws.
- Hold a hearing on any request for child support within 45 days of filing and issue a Notice of Hearing and Order Directing Appearance ("NOHODA") to the other parent with the date and time of the hearing.
- Award child support according to the Child Support Guideline of the District of Columbia and other applicable laws, including
 - current child support (support starting today and continuing into the future)
 - retroactive child support (support for time before today)
 - medical support
- Note that we have a Settlement Agreement. I request that the Court: [CHECK ONE]
 - include* our Settlement Agreement as a part of its order.
 - not include* our Settlement Agreement as a part of its order.
- Restore me to my former name.
- Grant my spouse's request to be restored to his or her former name.

I ALSO REQUEST that the Court award any other relief it considers fair and proper.

[CHECK ONE]

I *do not* know of any proceedings in the District of Columbia or in any state or territory involving the same claim or subject matter as this case.

I *do* know of proceedings in the District of Columbia or in any state or territory involving the same claim or subject matter as this case, as listed on the first page of this Contested Answer to Complaint for Annulment of Marriage and Counterclaim (“Related Cases”).

I solemnly swear or affirm under criminal penalties for the making of a false statement that I have read the foregoing Contested Answer to Complaint for Annulment of Marriage and Counterclaim and that the factual statements made in it are true to the best of my personal knowledge, information and belief.

Respectfully Submitted,

SIGN YOUR NAME

DATE (mm/dd/yyyy)

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RESPONDENT/DEFENDANT.

**RULE 5
CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

IF YOU HAVE ALREADY SERVED THE OTHER PARTY, YOU CAN FILL OUT AND FILE THIS CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE ON THE SAME DAY YOU FILE YOUR PAPERS.

IF YOU HAVE NOT ALREADY SERVED THE OTHER PARTY, YOU MUST FILL OUT AND FILE THIS CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE AFTER YOU SERVE THE OTHER PARTY.

I certify that I served a copy of my Contested Answer to Complaint for Annulment of Marriage to the other party or the other party's attorney on _____.
PRINT DATE OF SERVICE

The papers were delivered [CHECK ONE]

by handing it to the other party

by first class mail to:

PRINT NAME OF PERSON SERVED WITH PAPERS

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by fax to:

PRINT NAME OF PERSON SERVED WITH PAPERS

FAX NUMBER

by leaving a copy at the other party's workplace with a clerk or person in charge, or because there was no one in charge, by leaving it in a conspicuous place:

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by leaving a copy at the other party's home with a person of suitable age and discretion who lives there:

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SIGN YOUR NAME

DATE