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ANNULMENT (NULLITY OF MARRIAGE) **CLIENT INTAKE QUESTIONNAIRE:**

CONFIDENTIAL. A civil annulment (called a "nullity" in California) is a court judgment that a marriage or domestic partnership was never legally valid. It is available only on specific legal grounds, several of which have strict time limits. Please answer as completely as you can. If a question does not apply, write "N/A." If unknown, write "Unknown." Attach additional pages if needed and note the question number.

NAME OF THE CLIENT:

☐ Full Legal Name: _____

Syndicate Plan Member ID: _____ **Plan Start Date:** _____

Preferred method of contact:

☐ Phone

☐ Text

☐ Email

Is it safe to contact you at the phone and email you will list below? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Safe contact method / times: _____

PART 1 — YOUR GOAL & CASE STATUS

1.1 Relationship type:

☐ Married

☐ Registered Domestic Partners ☐ Both

1.2 What are you seeking?

☐ Civil annulment (court judgment of nullity)

☐ Religious annulment (e.g., church tribunal) — note: handled by your religious institution, not the court

☐ Both civil and religious annulment

☐ Not sure whether annulment or divorce is right for me

1.3 If the facts do not support an annulment, would you want to:

☐ Proceed with divorce (dissolution) instead

☐ Proceed with legal separation instead

☐ Discuss options first

1.4 Has an annulment, divorce, separation, or custody case been filed? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes — Court / County / State: _____

Case Number: _____ Date Filed: _____

Who filed?

☐ Me

☐ The other party

Next hearing date and purpose (if any): _____

1.5 Has the other party hired a lawyer? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes — Name / Firm / Phone: _____



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1.6 How do you expect the other party to respond to an annulment?

☐ Will agree ☐ Will oppose ☐ Does not know yet ☐ Cannot be located

1.7 In your own words, why do you believe your marriage should be annulled? _____

PART 2 — THE PARTIES

2A You:

Last Name: _____ First: _____ Middle: _____

Name before marriage / other names used: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Age at Marriage: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ County: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email: _____

Occupation / Employer: _____

2B Other Party (Spouse / Domestic Partner):

Last Name: _____ First: _____ Middle: _____

Name before marriage / other names used: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Age at Marriage: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ County: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email: _____

Occupation / Employer: _____

PART 3 — THE MARRIAGE / PARTNERSHIP

3.1 Date of Marriage / Registration: _____ City: _____

County / State / Country: _____

3.2 Type of marriage / ceremony:

☐ Civil ceremony

☐ Religious ceremony

☐ Registered domestic partnership

☐ Confidential marriage license

☐ Other

Name of officiant (if known): _____



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3.3 How long did you know each other before the marriage? _____

3.4 Did you live together after the marriage? If so, from _____ to _____

3.5 Date of Separation: _____ Who moved out? _____

3.6 Was the marriage consummated? ☐ Yes ☐ No

This question is relevant to certain annulment grounds. Your answer is confidential.

3.7 After learning of the problem that you believe makes the marriage invalid, did you continue to live together as spouses? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, explain: _____

For some grounds (such as fraud or force), freely living together as spouses after discovering the problem can prevent an annulment.

3.8 Prior Marriages / Domestic Partnerships:

Party	Prior Spouse / Partner Name	Date Married	How & When It Ended (divorce, death, annulment)

Was either party still legally married or in a registered domestic partnership to someone else on the date of this marriage? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes or unsure, explain: _____

PART 4 — GROUNDS FOR ANNULMENT

Check every reason that may apply, then answer the follow-up questions for each one you checked. Some grounds must be raised within a limited time, so dates are very important.

4.1 Possible grounds (check all that apply):

- ☐ A. Close blood relationship (incest)
- ☐ B. Bigamy / polygamy — a spouse was already married
- ☐ C. Underage — a party was under 18 without required consent or court approval
- ☐ D. Prior spouse believed dead or absent 5+ years, but was living
- ☐ E. Unsound mind — a party could not understand the nature of marriage
- ☐ F. Fraud — consent was obtained by fraud going to the heart of the marriage
- ☐ G. Force — consent was obtained by force or threats
- ☐ H. Physical incapacity — a party was physically unable to consummate and it appears incurable



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☐ I. Not sure — please evaluate my facts

A. Close Blood Relationship:

How are you and the other party related (e.g., siblings, half-siblings, parent/child, aunt/nephew)? _____

B. Bigamy / Polygamy:

Name of the other spouse / partner who was still married to a party: _____

When and how did you learn of the prior marriage? _____

Has that prior marriage since ended (divorce, death, annulment)? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, date and how: _____

C. Underage Marriage:

Which party was under 18? _____ Age on wedding date: _____

Was there written parental consent and a court order permitting the marriage? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Date that party turned 18: _____

Generally must be filed within 4 years after the underage party turns 18 (or by a parent or guardian before then). Freely living together as spouses after turning 18 may prevent an annulment.

D. Prior Spouse Believed Dead or Absent:

Name of prior spouse: _____ Years absent before this marriage: _____

Why was the prior spouse believed dead or gone? When and how was it learned that they were alive? _____

E. Unsound Mind:

Which party? _____

Condition or circumstance (e.g., intoxication, illness): _____

Describe why that party could not understand the marriage at the time, and whether they later understood and continued the relationship freely: _____

F. Fraud:

The fraud must go to the essence of the marriage — for example, a concealed intent never to live together as spouses or never to have children, hiding an inability to have children, or marrying only to obtain a financial or legal benefit. Lies about wealth, background, or personality usually are not enough.

What was misrepresented or concealed? _____



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Date you discovered the fraud: _____ How discovered: _____

What evidence supports this (messages, witnesses, admissions, documents)? _____

Generally must be filed within 4 years after the fraud is discovered.

G. Force:

If you are in immediate danger, call 911. The National Domestic Violence Hotline is 1-800-799-7233. We will discuss details privately.

Describe briefly how consent to the marriage was obtained by force, threats, or duress, and by whom: _____

When did the force or threat end? _____

Generally must be filed within 4 years after the marriage.

H. Physical Incapacity:

Describe the incapacity, when it was discovered, and whether it existed at the time of marriage: _____

Generally must be filed within 4 years after the marriage.

PART 5 — CHILDREN

An annulment does not affect the legal status of children. Both parties remain the children's legal parents, and the court can make custody, visitation, and child support orders.

5.1 Any children of the relationship, or is either party pregnant? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Child's Name	Date of Birth	Lives Primarily With	Other Party Is Parent?

5.2 Are there existing custody, visitation, or child support orders? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes — court, case number, and summary: _____

5.3 What custody and visitation arrangement do you want? _____



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PART 6 — PROPERTY, DEBTS & SUPPORT

In an annulment, a spouse who believed in good faith that the marriage was valid (a "putative spouse") may still be entitled to a share of property acquired during the marriage and, in some cases, spousal support.

6.1 When you married, did you believe the marriage was valid? ☐ Yes ☐ No

6.2 Did the other party believe the marriage was valid? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Explain what each party knew and when: _____

6.3 What do you want the court to address? (check all that apply)

☐ Receive spousal support

☐ Avoid paying spousal support

☐ Divide property / debts

☐ Keep my separate property

☐ Restore my former name

☐ Recover money or gifts given to other party

Former name to be restored (if any): _____

6.4 Property Acquired During the Marriage:

Asset (home, accounts, vehicles, retirement)	Est. Value \$	Titled To	Paid For By

6.5 Debts Incurred During the Marriage:

Creditor / Type of Debt	Balance \$	Whose Name?	What Was It For?

6.6 Your gross monthly income: \$ _____ Other party's (est.): \$ _____

PART 7 — SAFETY

7.1 Has there been domestic violence, threats, or stalking by either party? ☐ Yes ☐ No

7.2 Is there a restraining order (current or past) between the parties? ☐ Yes ☐ No

7.3 Do you have safety concerns about the other party learning of this case? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes to any, describe briefly. We will discuss details privately: _____



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PART 8 — EVIDENCE & WITNESSES

8.1 List the documents, messages, photos, or records that support the grounds for annulment: _____

8.2 Witnesses who know the relevant facts:

Name	Relationship to You	Phone / Email	What They Know

PART 9 — DOCUMENT CHECKLIST

Please provide copies of the following, if available. Check each item you are including.

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| ☐ Marriage certificate / license | ☐ Domestic partnership registration |
| ☐ Prior divorce / annulment judgments | ☐ Death certificate of prior spouse |
| ☐ Birth certificates (parties / children) | ☐ Parental consent / court order (underage) |
| ☐ Evidence of fraud (messages, documents) | ☐ Medical records (if relevant) |
| ☐ Existing court orders / pleadings | ☐ Restraining orders / police reports |
| ☐ Property & debt statements | ☐ Prenuptial agreement (if any) |

Certification:

I declare that the information provided in this questionnaire is true, correct, and complete to the best of my knowledge. I understand this information is provided to Syndicate Subscription Legal Plans in confidence for the purpose of evaluating my annulment matter.

Signed and dated this ____ day of _____, 20__

Signature: _____

Print Name: _____

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