DIVORCE / MATRIMONIAL INTAKE QUESTIONNAIRE

This questionnaire gathers facts commonly required for matrimonial proceedings in The Bahamas. It is not a petition and does not replace court forms or legal advice. Final filing language must be reviewed against the Matrimonial Causes Act, Matrimonial Causes Rules, and current court practice.

PARTIES AND MARRIAGE

Your Full Legal Name	
Name Before Marriage (if applicable)	
Spouse Full Legal Name	
Spouse Name Before Marriage (if applicable)	
Date of Marriage	
Place of Marriage	
Marriage Certificate Available?	
Your Occupation	
Spouse Occupation	

RESIDENCE, DOMICILE AND COHABITATION

Your Current Address	
Spouse Current / Last Known Address	
Your Domicile / Permanent Home	
Spouse Domicile / Permanent Home	
Last Address Lived Together	
Other Principal Addresses Lived Together in The Bahamas	

Date Separation Began	
Have you resumed living together since separation?	
Length of continuous separation	

CHILDREN OF THE MARRIAGE

List each living child of the marriage: full name, date of birth/age, where the child lives, and with whom:

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[ ] No children of the marriage
[ ] Parentage of any child born during the marriage is disputed
[ ] There are existing custody/access/maintenance orders

PREVIOUS PROCEEDINGS

List any previous Supreme Court or Magistrate's Court proceedings concerning the marriage or children, including case number, date, and order made:

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POSSIBLE STATUTORY GROUND FOR DIVORCE

- ☐ Adultery since the marriage
- ☐ Cruelty since the marriage
- ☐ Desertion for a continuous period of at least 2 years immediately before filing
- ☐ Living separate and apart for a continuous period of at least 5 years immediately before filing
- ☐ Another statutory ground under section 16 of the Matrimonial Causes Act - please describe below
- ☐ Unsure - I need the facts reviewed before deciding what ground may apply

State the facts relied on, with dates/places where known. Describe facts, not what you think the legal conclusion should be:

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ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS

If adultery is alleged, do you know the other person's name/address?	
Have you forgiven/condoned and resumed the marital relationship after the conduct complained of?	
Have there been attempts at reconciliation?	
Can the spouse be personally served?	
Is the spouse outside The Bahamas?	

RELIEF / ISSUES TO BE ADDRESSED

- ☐ Divorce only
- ☐ Custody
- ☐ Access / visitation
- ☐ Child maintenance
- ☐ Spousal maintenance
- ☐ Property / financial issues
- ☐ Costs
- ☐ Other

DOCUMENTS AVAILABLE

[ ] Original/certified marriage certificate

[ ] Your birth certificate

[ ] Spouse identifying information

[ ] Children's birth certificates

[ ] Prior court orders

[ ] Proof of address

☐ Relevant correspondence

☐ Other supporting records

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Client Signature

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Date