



Ligamen Case: Instructions

1. Please fill out the form as fully as possible. This form is not to be completed or submitted without the complete contact information and signature of the assisting Catholic Pastoral Minister, with whom the Petitioner is working on the Ligamen Petition.
2. Required Documents:
 - An authentic and recent Baptismal record with ALL annotations (front and back) of any Catholic party or parties involved in any of the marriages, issued within the last 6 months. If none, the parish of record is to cross the notation section out, or write "no notations."
 - An authentic and recent Profession of Faith record with ALL annotations (front and back) of any party who became Catholic as an adult after their baptism, issued within the last 6 months. If none, the parish of record is to cross the notation section out, or write "no notations."
 - A copy of the Civil Marriage Certificate showing the name and title of the officiant, the location, and the names of the witnesses for the marriage being investigated and for the one that is the basis of the prior bond.
 - A copy of the Final Decree of Divorce (particularly, the first page with docket number and last page with judge's signature) for the marriage being investigated and for the one that is the basis of the prior bond.
3. Contact information for the Respondent: The name and address of your former spouse are required because the Tribunal must contact your former spouse to request a statement and participation.
4. Additional Items:
 - Please submit a non-refundable fee of \$100 with this form. If this is not possible, please contact the Tribunal.
 - Please do not send this instruction page with the petition.
 - Please submit the petition only once, via postal mail or email.
 - Please do not staple pages or documents together.
 - Wet ink signatures required on all forms. No digital.



**The Tribunal
Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA
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Petition on grounds of *Ligamen* (Prior Bond)

I, the undersigned Petitioner, _____, hereby petition the
LAST NAME OF PETITIONER (USE MAIDEN NAME IF A WOMAN), FIRST NAME, MIDDLE NAME
 Tribunal of the Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA on the grounds of *Ligamen* (Prior Bond) to declare null my
 marriage contracted with _____, which took place on
LAST NAME OF FORMER SPOUSE (USE MAIDEN NAME IF A WOMAN), FIRST NAME, MIDDLE NAME
 _____ before a _____ in _____.
DATE PRIEST, MINISTER, MAGISTRATE, ETC. CITY AND STATE

The contact information for my **former** spouse is:

Present Name: _____
 Mailing Address: _____

I hereby maintain that _____ was previously married
FORMER SPOUSE
 _____ times; the names of his/her former spouse(s) is/are: _____
NUMBER NAME

_____. Furthermore, I maintain that
NAMES (CONTINUED)
 he/she was still alive when _____ contracted marriage with me.
FORMER SPOUSE

Contact information of Catholic pastoral minister:

NAME OF CATHOLIC PASTORAL MINISTER	SIGNATURE OF CATHOLIC PASTORAL MINISTER
CIVILIAN EMAIL ADDRESS	HOME OR CELL PHONE NUMBER WORK PHONE NUMBER
MILITARY EMAIL ADDRESS	

I swear before God that I have answered truthfully and to the extent of my knowledge.

SIGNATURE OF PETITIONER	DATE
MAILING ADDRESS	
CIVILIAN EMAIL ADDRESS	HOME OR CELL PHONE NUMBER WORK PHONE NUMBER
MILITARY EMAIL ADDRESS	