



DIOCESE OF MEMPHIS

Tribunal

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Suggestions for Determining Possible Grounds

Please review each of the statements about your wedding and check the boxes that apply to you and/or the Respondent [Resp.]. These items refer to PRINCIPAL or MAJOR traits that you and the Respondent brought into the marriage. In any given section, you may **check one box, several boxes or no box.** **There are no “right” or “wrong” answers.**

- | <u>You</u> | <u>Resp.</u> | | |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|---|---|
| | | A. At the time of our wedding, one or both of us: | Grave Defect of Discretionary Judgment (c. 1095.2) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | was not mature enough to understand what a commitment entailed; | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | was trying to get away from something unpleasant in our lives; | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | believed we were committed to the marriage because of dating for so long | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | had serious doubts about whether this was a good decision; | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | did not realistically consider whether this was a good decision; | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | had little or no dating experience; | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | believed that because we were sexually active with each other, marriage was inevitable; | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | ignored the significant opposition of family and/or friends; | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | had no example of a stable marriage while growing up. | |
| | | B. At the time of our wedding, one or both of us: | Psychic Incapacity (c. 1095.3) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | already had personal or family involvement with physical abuse, sexual abuse, alcohol or drug abuse; | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | had received or needed to receive counseling for a serious psychological disorder; | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | was unable to establish stability in a job, education, lifestyle or a relationship due to personality problems; | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | had a history of violence or other antisocial behavior; | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | could not accept personal responsibility for actions committed; | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | already struggled with what would later be seen as an addiction (gambling, alcohol, drugs, etc.); | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | expressed, experienced, or was in denial about difficulties with sexual orientation. | |
| | | C. At the time of our wedding, one or both of us: | Total Simulation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | did not want to be married to the other person but went through the ceremony for some personal reason; | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | did not want to establish a marital partnership; | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | other things were more important than the spouse, e.g. _____ | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | did not intend to assume any permanent responsibilities toward the other person | |



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You Resp.

**Partial Simulation Contra bonum prolis
(exclusion of children)**

D. At the time of our wedding, one or both of us:

- never intended to have children (although this may not have been discovered until after the wedding);
- would not have sexual relations unless birth control was used;
- intended to delay, limit or exclude children for some personal reason;
- never intended to take any responsibility for the upbringing of children.

**Partial Simulation Contra bonum fidei
(exclusion of fidelity)**

E. At the time of our wedding, one or both of us:

- believed that sexual infidelity was acceptable for a reason;
- believed that one could have sexual relations outside of the marriage;
- was sexually unfaithful shortly before or shortly after the wedding;
- believed that sexual relations outside marriage were acceptable as long as there was no emotional attachment;
- never intended to have an exclusive, faithful relationship.

Partial Simulation Contra bonum sacramenti

F. At the time of our wedding, one or both of us: (exclusion of indissolubility)

- was convinced that divorce was acceptable if the marriage would prove to be unsuccessful and unhappy.

G. At the time of our wedding, one or both of us: Past, Present, or Future Condition

- intended to be married only if some condition or expectation would be fulfilled. (Please specify the condition: _____);
- intended to be married only as long as there was no infidelity.

H. At the time of our wedding, one or both of us: Force or Fear

- believed that because of some external pressure or some other circumstance, marriage was the only option;
- believed that because of parental insistence to marry, marriage was the only alternative;
- wanted to back out of the ceremony but could not do so;
- was afraid NOT to get married, because of some external factor or pressure.

I. At the time of our wedding, one or both of us: Error of Quality

- intended to marry only a person with a certain quality (Please name the quality: _____);
- mistakenly believed that the other party possessed the required quality;
- would not have married if the truth about the quality [its presence or absence] were known.

J. At the time of our wedding, one or both of us: Fraud (dolus)

- purposely deceived the other person about a significant fact that is important in marriage;
- deceived the other person into marrying;
- felt deceived into getting married;
- would not have married if the truth were known.