

Cause Number _____
(The Clerk's office will fill in the Cause Number and Court Number when you file this form.)

In the Matter of the Marriage of

Petitioner _____ In the _____
Print first, middle and last name of the spouse filing for annulment. Court Number

and _____
 District Court
 County Court at Law

Respondent _____ County,
Print first, middle and last name of other spouse. Texas

Respondent's Answer to Petition to Annul Marriage

WARNING to Respondent: Without the advice and help of an attorney, you may be putting yourself, your property, and your money at risk. For a referral to an attorney, or if you are poor to the nearest Legal Aid Office, call the State Bar of Texas Lawyer Referral Information Service at 800-252-9690. If you are a victim of family violence, or if at any time you feel unsafe, you can get confidential help from the National Domestic Violence Hotline at 800-799-7233 or legal help from the Texas Advocacy Project Family Violence Legal Line at 800-374-4673.
WARNING to Out-of-State Respondent: Filing an Answer with the Court enters your appearance in this case. Talk to an attorney **before** filing an Answer, if you **1) do not live in Texas** and **2) do not** want a Texas court to have the power to make orders that would impose a personal obligation on you. Such orders could include orders dividing your property and debts, ordering you to pay child support, and (if requested by your spouse) ordering you to pay spousal maintenance, court costs and attorney's fees. If you file an Answer (or any other pleading) before filing a Special Appearance, you will give up your right to argue that Texas can't make such orders because you live out-of-state. Ask a Texas attorney to help you determine if Texas has personal jurisdiction over you.
INSTRUCTIONS to Respondent: If you decide to use this form:
• Do not sign it until **at least one day after** the Original Petition to Annul Marriage has been filed (turned in to the court). Your spouse should have given you a copy of the Original Petition to Annul Marriage. The official court stamp on your copy will tell you when it was filed.
• Fill out this form completely.
• File (turn in) the original signed form to the court where your spouse filed the Original Petition to Annul Marriage. Keep a copy for your records. Give a copy to your spouse.
• Get additional information about annulment at www.TexasLawHelp.org.

(Print your answers)

My name is: _____
First Middle Last

I am the Respondent in this case.

The last three numbers of my driver's license number are: ____ ____ ____.

My driver's license was issued in (State) _____.

Or I do not have a driver's license number.

The last three numbers of my social security number are: ____ ____ ____.

Or I do not have a social security number

1. General Denial

I enter a general denial. I want to be notified of all hearings in this case.

2. Contact Information

My mailing address is: _____
Mailing Address City State Zip

My phone number is: _____.

My email address is _____.

I understand I must notify the Court and my spouse's attorney or my spouse (if my spouse does not have an attorney) in writing if my mailing address or email address changes during this case. If I don't, I understand that all information about this case, including the date and time of hearings, will be sent to me at the mailing address or email address on this form.

3. Confirmation of Prior Name

Prior to the marriage ceremony, my full name was:

PRINT: First Middle Last

The Court should confirm this former name as my lawful name.

4. Discovery Level

The discovery level in this case, if needed, is: **(Check one box.)**

- Level 1. (Check here if you and your spouse have more than \$0 and less than \$250,000 in property.)
 Level 2. (All **other** couples check here.)

5. Required Initial Disclosures


I understand that spouses in an annulment must usually exchange **initial disclosures** of the information and material described in Texas Rules of Civil Procedure, Rule 194.2.

Check all that apply.

- I believe my spouse and I will agree to waive the exchange of initial disclosures.
 This action involves domestic violence and is exempt from the required initial disclosure requirement

6. Prayer

I ask the Court for general relief.

 _____ Respondent's Signature	_____ Date
_____ Respondent's Printed Name	_____ Phone Number
_____ Mailing Address	_____ City State ZIP
_____ Email Address	_____ Fax # (if available)

Certificate of Service

I will give a copy of this document to my spouse's attorney or my spouse (if my spouse does not have an attorney) on the same day this document is filed with (turned in to) the Court as follows:

If I file this document electronically, I will send a copy of it to my spouse or my spouse's attorney through the electronic file manager if possible. If not possible, I will give a copy to my spouse or my spouse's attorney in person, by mail, by commercial delivery service, by fax, or by email.

If I file a paper copy of this document, I will give a copy of it to my spouse or my spouse's attorney in person, by mail, by commercial delivery service, by fax, or by email.



Respondent's signature

Date