

## ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF SERVICE

### IN THE ROYAL COURT OF GUERNSEY (Matrimonial Causes Division)

BETWEEN      Name of **Applicant**:

AND            Name of **Respondent**:

#### NOTE TO APPLICANT:

Part 1 of this form should be completed by the Applicant, and you should write the parties' name in the heading above.

This form should then be included with the documents to be served on the Respondent along with the application for a divorce order, judicial separation order, or order of nullity.

See Rule 5 of the Matrimonial Causes Rules, 2024.

#### NOTE TO RESPONDENT:

Please check the details set out in Part 1 of the form, and complete Part 2.

If you are represented by an Advocate, please sign this form.

If you are not represented by an Advocate, you will need to make a sworn statement that the signature is yours in front of a person authorised to administer oaths. Further information can be found at the end of the form.

You must usually then file a copy with the Court and send a copy to the Applicant within the time limit set out in rule 7 of the Matrimonial Causes Rules, 2024, which is:

"within 14 days beginning with the date on which notice of the application for a matrimonial order was served on the respondent".

**PART 1:**

**I,**

1. <i>The Applicant should write the Respondent's name here:</i>	RESPONDENT'S NAME
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**acknowledge service of an application dated:**

2. <i>Write the date that is on the application:</i>	
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**PART 2:**

***RESPONDENT, please complete the following:***

**REPRESENTATION BY AN ADVOCATE**

3. Are you represented by an Advocate?	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes. Please provide their details below Advocate's name: Firm: Address:
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**ADDRESS FOR SERVICE**

4. What is your address for service?  
**Please tick one box only.**

*Note: An address for service means an address in the Bailiwick at which any document can validly be served on you.*

- My advocate's address
- The following address:

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**INTENTION TO DISPUTE**

5. Do you intend to dispute the application for a matrimonial order?

*Note: there are limited grounds on which an application for a matrimonial order can be disputed.*

*It is likely that most applications for a matrimonial order will **not** be disputed.*

*You may wish to consult an advocate if you intend to dispute the application.*

- No.
- Yes. If yes, on what basis do you dispute the application?
- If the application is for a divorce or judicial separation order:*
- I dispute the validity or subsistence of the marriage
- I dispute the jurisdiction of the court to entertain the proceedings
- If the application is for an order of nullity:*
- I oppose the grant of an order on the application.

6. If you have answered question 5 as "Yes", please set out the reasons why you say the application can be disputed on the basis you have selected:

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**Signed**

**Date**

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## SWORN STATEMENT OF TRUTH

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*Note to the Respondent: **DO NOT write anything in this part of the form.** If you are not represented by an Advocate, when you have completed this form, you will need to take it to a person authorised to administer oaths or take sworn declarations in the place that you are, and to swear or affirm before that person that the facts stated in this form are true. The Court will generally accept a statement of truth sworn or affirmed:*

*(a) anywhere in the Bailiwick, before a notary public or Advocate of the Royal Court of Guernsey of 5 years' standing or more,*

*(b) in Guernsey, Herm or Jethou, before a Jurat of the Royal Court of Guernsey,*

*(c) in Alderney, before a Jurat of the Court of Alderney,*

*(d) in Sark, before the Seneschal,*

*(e) in a place outside the Bailiwick –*

*(i) before a person empowered to administer oaths or take sworn declarations in that place, or*

*(ii) in accordance with the rules in force in that place governing the swearing of statements of truth.*

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**I understand that proceedings for contempt of court may be brought against anyone who makes, or causes to be made, a false statement in a document verified by a sworn statement of truth without an honest belief in its truth.**

**I Swear and promise on the faith and truth that I owe to God/Affirm that I am the Respondent to the application referred to in this acknowledgment of service, and that the signature on this form is my signature.**

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***TO BE COMPLETED BY THE PERSON BEFORE WHOM THE STATEMENT OF TRUTH IS SWORN OR AFFIRMED:***

SWORN/AFFIRMED (delete as appropriate)

by the said

at

this                      day of                      20

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*You should consider the following when completing this form:*

- *the Matrimonial Causes Rules, 2024, and especially rules 5 and 7.*

*Copies can be found at [www.guernseylegalresources.gg](http://www.guernseylegalresources.gg)*