

ANNULMENT

DOES IT APPLY TO ME?

Before signing a court document or getting involved with a court case, it's important to see an attorney to make sure you understand your legal rights and responsibilities. The Self-Help Center has information on finding an attorney.

WHAT'S ANNULMENT?

Annulment isn't about how long you've been married. It's about whether your marriage is valid. You can only get an annulment if your marriage is not valid. Here are some reasons a marriage might not be valid:

- Mental illness, incapacity, or intoxication made it impossible for a spouse to willingly consent to the marriage.
- One spouse lied or used threats of violence to convince the other to marry.
- One spouse is impotent and the other didn't know until after the marriage.
- One spouse was married to someone else when you got married.
- A spouse was under 18 when you married and didn't have parent or court consent.
- You have a blood relationship to each other that makes your marriage illegal.
- A spouse misrepresented their religious beliefs before the marriage.
- A spouse refuses intercourse.

An attorney can analyze your specific situation to help you understand if your marriage is valid.

If you want to end your marriage and annulment doesn't apply, you can file for divorce or legal separation.