

Annulment Of My Marriage. Do I Qualify?

One advantage to an annulment is that you can generally obtain a judgment within 60 days, and the judgment is final at the time it is granted instead of 6 months later as in a dissolution proceeding. If the court grants an annulment the court is saying that your marriage never existed. However, the grounds for a nullity are different from the grounds for a dissolution, and you must be very specific. Most people do not qualify to receive a nullity. However, you may be able to get a nullity if you married at a young age without the consent of your parents.

Another ground for receiving a nullity is fraud or deceit. For example if you married someone who is not a U.S. citizen, and you later learn that your spouse only married you so he or she could stay in the country, you may be entitled to a nullity. Another example I have had come up is where one spouse told the other that he had no debts prior to the marriage. Later the other spouse found out that her new husband owed several thousand dollars in seriously delinquent debts. In that case I was able to obtain a judgment of nullity for her. The key issue is whether your spouse told you things that were relevant to your decision to marry, which turned out to be untrue. Your lawyer can tell you whether you may be able to use these grounds, or other grounds to obtain a nullity instead of a dissolution. At the law office of Ronald Pullen, I have been representing clients in these matters for over 23 years. I can be reached by telephone at (619)425-0810, or E-mail me.