## Form 6

## NOTICE OF PROCEEDINGS

## In the Supreme Court of Bermuda

[Divorce Jurisdiction]

No. of Matter

(Seal)

Between Applicant and Respondent

TAKE NOTICE THAT an application [for divorce] [or as the case may be] has been presented to this Court. A sealed copy of it [and a copy of the applicant's proposals regarding the children] [is] [are] delivered with this notice.

- You must complete and detach the acknowledgement of service and send it so as to reach the Court within eight days after you receive this notice, inclusive of the day of receipt. Delay in returning the form may add to the costs.
- If you wish to do so, you may send to the Court a statement setting out your views on the proposals regarding the children. If you send a statement it will be placed before the judge dealing with the arrangements for the child[ren] and a copy of your statement will be sent to the applicant. [Delete if inapplicable.]
- If the reply to Question 4 [or 6 [delete if inapplicable]] in the acknowledgment is Yes, you must, within 29 days after you receive this notice, inclusive of the day of receipt, file in the Registry of the Supreme Court an answer to the application [or as the case may be], together with a copy for every other party to the proceedings.
- 4 If the reply to Question 5 in the acknowledgment is Yes, the consequences to you are that—
  - (a) your right to inherit from the applicant if he or she dies without having made a will ceases on the grant of a judicial separation order or on a conditional order of divorce being made final;
  - (b) in the case of a divorce order the making of the final order will end the marriage thereby affecting any right to a pension which depends upon the marriage continuing or upon your being left a widow;
  - (c) apart from the consequences listed above there may be others applicable to you depending on your particular circumstances. About these you should obtain legal advice from an attorney.

[Delete if inapplicable.]

## **MATRIMONIAL CAUSES RULES 2023**

- 5 If after consenting you wish to withdraw your consent you must immediately inform the Court and give notice to the applicant. [Delete if inapplicable.]
- Section 14 of the Matrimonial Causes Act 1974 provides that if in such a case the respondent applies to the Court for it to consider the respondent's financial position after the divorce, a conditional order cannot be made final unless the Court is satisfied that the applicant has made or will make proper financial provision for the respondent, or else that the applicant should not be required to make any financial provision for the respondent. Paragraph (12) of the application will tell you whether the applicant proposes to make any financial provision for you. It is important that you should consider this information carefully before answering Question 7 in the acknowledgement. [Delete if inapplicable.]
- If the reply to Question 7 in the acknowledgement is Yes, you must, before the order is made final, make application to the Court by filing and serving on the applicant for a divorce a notice in Form 13, which may be obtained from the Court. [Delete if inapplicable.]
- If you intend to instruct an attorney to act for you, you should at once give him all the documents which have been served on you, so that he may send the acknowledgment to the Court on your behalf. If you do not intend to instruct an attorney, you should nevertheless give an address for service in the acknowledgment so that any documents affecting your interests which are sent to you will in fact reach you. Change of address should be notified to the Court.

Dated this	day of	20
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Registrar

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