### **CODY & GONILLO, LLP**

### **CONFIDENTIAL MARITAL HISTORY QUESTIONNAIRE**

Please prepare a narrative of your marital history and either mail it to us or bring it with you to your next appointment. You may write the narrative in the form or style you choose so long as you cover all the areas listed below. Please also cover any other areas you feel are important. Literary style is not important. Information is important. As time goes by, you will tend to forgot or suppress the problems that have caused the problems in your marriage, so please do this history soon while the problems are fresh in your mind.

The questions below do not call for yes or no answers. They indicate the type of information that we need to properly advance your cause before the court. If a general area or category of questions does not apply to you or your spouse, disregard that area. If there are other areas which you feel are important, please include them in your narrative.

We ask for detailed history, including some questions that may be painful or difficult for you to answer. However, all that you share with us will be kept completely confidential and this information will assist us greatly in representing you. We appreciate your making the effort to carefully and thoroughly prepare this narrative. We will use the information as necessary in our settlement negotiations and at trial, if necessary.

# For all questions, please give information for both husband and wife.

### 1. MARRIAGE

- a. Is this your first marriage?
- b. Give place and date of this marriage.
- c. Give name and date of birth of each child of each marriage.
- d. Give address of most recent marital residence.
- e. How long were you at this address?
- f. Which party left?
- g. Date of separation?
- h. Reason for separation?

# **2. FAULT** (Be specific and as complete and thoughtful as possible)

- a. Why do you believe your marriage is ending?
- b. What conduct on the part of your spouse contributed to the breakdown of your marriage?
- c. What conduct on your part contributed to the breakdown of your marriage?
- d. Have there been any third parties involved? If so, please explain.

#### 3. CHILDREN

- a. Name(s) and age(s).
- b. Date and place of birth.
- c. Schools presently attending and grade.
- d. General statement of their academic standing and any expectations about private schooling, colleges, etc.
- e. Medical or academic problems of any of the children.
- f. Special activities the children have had or expect to have or plan to continue (such as piano, dance, gymnastics, sports, etc.).
- g. Any unusual activities or expenses you have had or expect to have on the children's account.
- h. If the children could pick which parent to live with, please indicate each child's preference.
- i. Give your best estimate of which parent has historically been the "primary parent." (e.g., mother 60%, father 40%, equal, or other).

### 4. **HEALTH HISTORY**

- a. Describe any mental and/or physical health problems that have occurred during the past years which may affect your ability to work.
- b. Give details of any hospitalizations or extensive medical care during that time.
- c. Are you presently under a doctor's care, and why?
- d. Are you taking any prescription medications?

#### 5. EDUCATION

- a. Give your name, and dates of schools attended.
- b. List degrees earned, if any.
- c. Do you have plans for additional schooling? If so, what do you intend to study? How long will you be enrolled? What is the estimated cost? What degree or certification do you expect to receive?

# 6. <u>EMPLOYMENT</u>

- a. Give name and address of your present employer.
- b. How long have you been with this employer?
- c. What is your job position or title and the nature of your work.
- d. What is your gross and net salary from this job (specify annual, monthly, biweekly, or weekly).
- e. If you are presently unemployed, briefly describe prior history of employment, if any.

### 7. <u>OTHER SOURCES OF INCOME</u>

Does either spouse have any other sources of income such as rents, dividend income, medical compensation, retirement income, trust income, interest, or mortgage income? Please explain in detail.

### 8. REAL ESTATE

Set forth the history of the real estate you have held during the marriage. Include both solely and jointly owned properties.

# In particular, for each such piece of real estate:

- date of purchase
- purchase price
- source of funds for down payment
- original principal amount of mortgage

# Which party is responsible for:

- mortgage payments
- interior/exterior repairs and maintenance
- capital improvements
- source of funds for capital improvements