

SUGGESTED EVIDENCE OF BONA FIDE MARRIAGE

- 1. Photographs that show both spouses together, and with family and friends. These can be taken at the wedding, at other functions or events, and throughout their relationship.
- 2. Copies of joint income tax returns.
- 3. Evidence of joint checking or savings accounts.
- 4. Photo identification cards of both spouses with a new card for the wife showing her married name.
- 5. Driver's licenses, credit cards, check-cashing cards, employment ID cards, video club memberships, etc, for both parties.
- 6. Real property deeds showing joint tenancy.
- 7. Apartment lease or a letter from the landlord indicating that both spouses live at the apartment or copies of rent receipts showing both parties' names.
- 8. Letter from an employer showing a change in records to reflect spouse's new marital status.
- 9. Letter from an employer showing designation of the spouse as the person to be notified in event of accident, sickness, or other emergency.
- 10. Evidence of life insurance policies where the spouse is named as beneficiary.
- 11. Evidence of medical or health insurance plans that name the spouse as a member or beneficiary.
- 12. Evidence of correspondence between the parties, including letters, birthday and holiday cards, telephone calls and other correspondence addressed to the parties.

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- 13. Religious marriage certificate if the couple was married in a religious ceremony.
- 14. Copies of gas, electric, telephone and other utility bills.
- 15. Evidence of joint ownership of automobile.
- 16. Birth certificates of children born of the relationship.
- 17. Evidence of vacations taken together, including airline tickets and hotel bills.
- 18. Evidence of all major purchases made together, such as stereo, television, refrigerator, washer, dryer, etc.

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