### IN THE REPUBLIC OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

#### IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE

#### DIVORCE

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### Petition No. of 2012

## BETWEEN

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| DIANNE CHAPMAN- BENJAMIN | Petitioner |
| And |  |
| CURTIS BENJAMIN | Respondent |

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**THE PETITION OF DIANNE CHAPMAN-BENJAMIN SHOWS THAT:**

1. On the **14th** day of February 2003 the Petitioner was lawfully married to **CURTIS BENJAMIN** (hereinafter called “the Respondent”) at the Fort King George, Scarborough, Tobago.
2. After the said marriage the Petitioner last lived and cohabited with the Respondent at Rockly Vale, Friendsfield, Tobago
3. The Petitioner and the Respondent are domiciled in Trinidad and Tobago.
4. The Petitioner is a **Supervisor/Waitress in Tropikist Beach Hotel, Crown Point, Tobago** and resides at #36 Sherwood Park, Carnbee, Tobago and the Respondent was a **Labourer, at Road Maintenance, Ministry of Works and infrastructure, Tobago** and resently left that job and the petitioner do not know where he works at presentand resides at #3 Rover Drive,Roystonia, Couva.
5. There are no children of the family .

1. To the knowledge of the Petitioner, no child has been born to the Respondent during the marriage.
2. There have been no proceedings previous hereto in any Court in Trinidad and Tobago with reference to the said marriage or between the Petitioner and Respondent with reference to any property of either or both of them except the divorce petition filed on 10th of May, 2012 and dismissed on 28th of June, 2012 for non appearance of the petitioner.
3. There are no proceedings continuing in any country outside Trinidad and Tobago which are in respect of the said marriage or are capable of affecting its validity or subsistence except the Protection order made by the Honourable Magistrate Madam Jone Eversley Gill in the Scarborough Magistrates’ court on 22nd of June, 2010.
4. No agreement or arrangement has been made or is proposed to be made between the parties for the support of the Respondent.
5. The Petitioner makes no proposals for financial provision for the respondent in the event of a decree nisi being granted.
6. The said marriage has broken down irretrievably.
7. The Respondent has behaved in such a way that the petitioner cannot reasonably be expected to live with the Respondent..

# PARTICULARS

1. Respondent is of violent abusive nature and was violent and abusive during their nine years of marriage and the Petitioner finds this intolerable.
2. After the marriage the Petitioner and Respondent lived with each other amicably for one year, that is until 2004,
3. After 2004 the Respondent showed loss of interest in the marriage and started harassing , and being abusive and violent and used to argue for everything.
4. On or about, August, 2004, the Respondent threw hot water on the Petitioner, scalding her and leaving a mark on her hand.
5. The Respondent used to leave the house for long periods and come back. He used to go Antigua and other Island.
6. On or about 22nd of June , 2010 the Petitioner obtained a protection order , from the scarborough magistrates’ court restraining the Respondent from communicating, or contacting the Petitioner. Also from refraining from threatening, abusing or harassing or interfering with her.
7. In the year 2010 the Respondent left Tobago and started living with his mother in Trinidad.
8. The Petitioner find this intolerable and cannot live with him

The Petitioner THEREFORE PRAYS: -

1. That the said marriage may be dissolved.
2. Such further and/or other relief as the nature of the case may require.

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Attorney at law Petitioner

### CHRISTOPHER GIDLA DIANNE CHAPMAN-BENJAMIN

I, DIANNE CHAPMAN, LP #36, Sherwood Park, Carnbee, Tobago, in the Island of Tobago make oath and says as follows:

1. I am the Petitioner herein.
2. That the contents of this my petition is true.

Sworn to at 18-20 Pembroke Street, )

Port of Spain, this day )

of , 2012. )

Before Me,

**Commissioner of Affidavits**

The name and address of the person who is to be served with this Petition is: -

Benjamin Curtis

Roystonia

Couva

The Petitioner’s address for service is:-

**CHRISTOPHER GIDLA**

**18-20 Pembroke Street**

**Port of Spain**

Dated this day of 2012.

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CERTIFICATE OF RECONCILIATION

I CHRISTOPHER ROSS GIDLA the attorney for the petitioner CERTIFY that I have not discussed with the petitioner the possibility of reconciliation

And

that I have not given to the petitioner names of persons and organisations who are qualified to help with reconciliation.

Signed ...........................................................

Attorney At Law for the Petitioner

Dated this day of 2012