**IN THE REPUBLIC OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO**

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE**

**(*Family Court Division*)**

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**Petition No.FHl 00649/2013**

**BETWEEN**

**DIANNE CHAPMAN- BENJAMIN**

**Petitioner**

**And**

**CURTIS BENJAMIN**

**Respondent**\* \* \* \* \*

I, **CHRISTOPHER ROSS GIDLA**, Attorney at Law, of 99 A Duke Street, Port of Spain, in the Island of Trinidad, make oath and say as follows: -

1. That I am the Attorney at Law of Mrs. Diane Chapman- Benjamin of #36 Sherwood Park, Carnbee, Tobago.
2. That I appeared for the Mrs. Diane Chapman in the proceedings of the Divorce Petition filed on the 27th of March 2013 and Petition No. FH: 00649/2013.
3. The Court granted the Decree on 14th day of May, 2013.
4. However, the application for the Decree absolute was not filed after the six (6) weeks, since the Petitioner lives in Tobago and My secretary couldn’t contact her and she did not contact me.
5. She was not aware that the Decree absolute should be applied for even though she was present in the court and it was explained to her by the Attorney at Law.
6. In 2018 January she contacted the Attorney’s office indicating that she wants to change her name in the Passport and only then she realised the absolute have to applied for.
7. When contacted the family court they explained to my Secretary that an affidavit in support have to be filed explaining the delay.

**SWORN** to at **}**

this **}**

day of 2018.**}**

Before me,