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Imam Mahdi Association of Marjaeya
Family & Social Affairs Office

Family Counseling Form

Complete and return to the
Family Affairs Office of I.M.A.M.
Via email FamilyAffairs@imam-us.org or
By mail to: 22000 Garrison St., Dearborn, MI 48124
For more information call 1(313) 562-4626

Important Notes

Requirements:

1. Processing will not start until this form is filled out and signed.
2. Please include a copy of proof of your identification with this application.
3. Please include document(s) proving the relationship between the two parties.
4. The information you provide is for this organization's use only. No other party will have access to it without the consent of the applicant unless law or religion requires such access.
5. The file will not be returned to the applicant, whatever the result of the case.

Purpose of Application:

We ask you to fill out this form for the following reasons:

1. To document the case so we can retrieve and review it when needed.
2. To check the validity of the parties' claims.
3. To narrow the issue down to its root, which is rights and responsibilities, to stay unbiased and save all involved parties precious time and effort.
4. To help staff have a better understanding of the aspects of the issue and the parties involved in it

Therefore, we ask all applicants to take the time and fill out this form accurately so we can serve you better.

Fees:

I.M.A.M. does not charge fees or ask for compensation in return for its staff's time and effort. However, some individuals might like to voluntarily donate. Some cases or procedures may incur financial costs, such as making long-distance calls, sending certified mail, obtaining official attestations, asking certain individuals for their services, obtaining specific documents, or special secretarial services. These costs are estimated by the head of the Family Affairs Office on a case-by-case basis.

Payment methods:

- The Organization accepts most available payment methods, including checks, money orders, credit cards, online payments, and cash. For more information on how to pay, please call I.M.A.M.
- By signing this form, the applicant agrees to pay all processing costs, if any, incurred by I.M.A.M. to process the application.

Definitions

Definitions of some jurisprudential concepts related to family conflict or mentioned in the form

The following definitions are in accordance with jurisprudential encyclopedias of the school of the progeny of the Prophet, peace be upon them. There may be disagreements among different jurists regarding some details, in which case the applicant should follow the religious authority he or she emulates.

- **Raj'i (revocable) divorce:** This type of divorce happens at the will of the husband. He says in the presence of two witnesses with true intention: "*Zawjati taliq*" (My wife is divorced). The divorced woman is considered a wife until the time of *iddah* passes, and the husband can void the divorce by saying or doing what shows that he has returned to his wife so long as the time of *iddah* has not passed. The divorced wife should stay at her husband's house during the time of *iddah*, and the husband cannot expel her from his house. Also, she cannot leave the house without the husband's permission. If she does so, she is considered a *nashiz* (insubordinate wife) and cannot claim *nafaqah* (financial support).
- **Mubarat divorce:** This type of divorce happens because of mutual aversion and hatred between husband and wife, and it involves *bathl* (the wife transfers ownership of some property to her husband in return for getting the divorce). The parties cannot go back to each other without a new marriage contract, even during the time of *iddah*.
- **Khula' divorce:** This type of divorce happens at the request of the wife who hates her husband so much that she is afraid she would commit the impermissible act of not providing her husband's rights. As a result, she asks her husband to divorce her. The divorce takes place by the wife offering *bathl* and the husband accepting and divorcing her. They cannot return to each other without a new marriage contract, even during the time of *iddah*.
- **Judicial divorce:** This type of divorce takes place at the order of the religious judge because of the wife taking her case to him because her husband does not provide her rights. The husband and wife cannot return to each other without a new marriage contract, even during the time of *iddah*.
- **Iddah:** A period a wife observes after getting divorced or widowed during which she cannot get married. That is because the divorced woman is considered a wife until the end of her *iddah*, while the widow needs to mourn her husband for a period.
- **Iddah of a divorced woman:** To see the blood (menstruate) three times. Thereafter, her *iddah* time is over. *Iddah* begins at the time of divorce, not at the time she knew of it, even if she did not find out that she had gotten divorced for a long period of time.
- **Iddah of a pregnant woman:** Until she gives birth
- **Iddah of a woman who does not menstruate because of a disease or some other reason:** Three months
- **Iddah of a widow if she is not pregnant:** Four months and ten days from the time she knew her husband had died, even if she found out about the death of her husband after a long period of time
- **Iddah of a woman divorced by religious judge:** To see the blood (menstruate) three times.
- **Iddah of ya'is (postmenopausal woman):** No *iddah*
- **Iddah of a wife who never had sexual intercourse with her husband:** No *iddah*

Information of the spouses

	Husband	Wife
Name		
Father's name		
Last name		
Place of birth		
Date of birth		
Current citizen		
Dual citizen		
Home phone		
Mobile phone		
Home address	_____ _____	_____ _____
E-Mail address		
Occupation		
Your income	Low <input type="checkbox"/> Medium <input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/>	Low <input type="checkbox"/> Medium <input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/>
Education level	School <input type="checkbox"/> College <input type="checkbox"/> Higher <input type="checkbox"/>	School <input type="checkbox"/> College <input type="checkbox"/> Higher <input type="checkbox"/>

Additional information

Date of marriage: _____ Place of marriage: _____

Type and amount of the Dowry (Mahr):

- To be provided upfront: _____

Was this received or forgiven? _____

- To be provided at a later date: _____

Was this received or forgiven? _____

Do you have any children with the spouse?

(Check one) No Yes *If you answered yes, please provide the following details:*

[1] Child's name: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Male / Female (*circle one*)

[2] Child's name: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Male / Female (*circle one*)

[3] Child's name: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Male / Female (*circle one*)

(If there are more children please list on the back)

Have you ever been divorced from your current spouse? No Yes

If you answered yes, please indicate if this was a 1st or 2nd divorce: First Second

Please indicate some of the reasons for the first divorce as well as how reconciliation and remarriage came about and any agreements which were entered into.

Have you consulted a religious scholar regarding this issue before this petition? No Yes

If you answered yes, please provide the following details:

Scholar's name: _____

Date of Consultation: _____ Place of consultation: _____

What was the result of this consultation?

Additional Document(s): I would like to attach the following document(s) to this application:

- 1) _____.
- 2) _____.
- 3) _____.

Authorization, proxy, acknowledgment, and understanding:

This is to certify that I am fully aware of my obligations, both monetary and moral, to complete divorce proceedings and further certify that all of the information provided in this petition is correct and that I shall bear the full consequences—both legally and according to the *Shari'a* (Shia Muslim School of thought) of any incorrect information and sign below in witness to all of the foregoing. I accept and promise to cover any expenses, costs, compensation, or damage, if any, that the I.M.A.M. office may ask for. Also, I authorize the jurist (marja') representative or any other qualified scholar whom he assigns to this petition, to take any necessary action on my behalf.

Full Name: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

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DO NOT WRITE BELOW THIS LINE.

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This form was received the application on this date: _____

By: _____
Name of the scholar or Institution

Notes:
