



New Jersey **FAMILY LAW** Summary Guide for Trial or Settlement

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Grounds for Nullity of Marriage

- Either party has another wife, husband, partner in a civil union couple or domestic partner living at the time of the second or other marriage.
- Parties are within degrees prohibited by law. However, no challenge permitted after death of a party if marriage had not been annulled during lifetime of the party.
- Either of the parties are physically and incurably impotent provided the moving party was ignorant of same or incapacitated at time of the marriage and has not subsequently ratified the marriage.

Causes of Action from Divorce from Bond of Matrimony

- Adultery.
- Willful continued desertion for 12 or more months which may be established by proof that the parties have ceased to cohabit as husband and wife.
- Extreme Cruelty: physical or mental cruelty which endangers the safety or health of the Plaintiff or makes it improper or unreasonable to expect Plaintiff to continue to cohabit. Complaint shall be based upon allegations that occurred 3 months prior to