**AFFIDAVIT IN SUPPORT OF NOTICE OF APPLICATION TO DISPENSE WITH HEARING OF PETITION**

FORM MP. 7A [RULE 76.12(2)]

**IN THE SUPREME COURT OF JUDICATURE OF JAMAICA**

**CLAIM NO. M of**

**BETWEEN PETITIONER**

**AND RESPONDENT**

I, [state name of the Petitioner], being duly sworn make oath and say as follows:-

1. I reside at [state the address] in the parish of [state parish]. I am a [state occupation] and I am the Petitioner herein.
2. The Respondent [state the name of the Respondent] and I were married on [state the date of the marriage] at [state the place of marriage] in the parish of [state the parish] by [state the name of the marriage officer], a marriage officer in the island of Jamaica [or otherwise state the country if the marriage did not take place in Jamaica]. I exhibit hereto a certified copy of my marriage certificate marked **“RIW 1**” for identification.
3. Service of the Petition for Dissolution of Marriage dated [state the date of the Petition], the Notice to Respondent dated [state the date of the Notice], the Affidavit Accompanying Petition, [where applicable state the date of the Affidavit] and Acknowledgment of Service Form was effected upon the Respondent on [state the date of service].

1. I am informed by my Attorney-at-Law [state the name of the Attorney-at-Law] and do verily believe that an acknowledgment of service or affidavits have been filed on behalf of the Respondent.

Or

I am informed by my Attorney-at-Law [state the name of the Attorney-at-Law] and do verily believe that an acknowledgment of service was filed and that no answer or affidavits have been filed on behalf of the Respondent.

1. There are no relevant children.

Or

[If there are relevant children state their names and dates of birth and set out the arrangements for their maintenance, care and upbringing]

1. The Respondent and I separated in or about [state the date of separation]. The relationship broke down due to [state the circumstances giving rise to the breakdown of the marriage]. The Respondent and I made attempts to reconcile the marriage by [state what kinds of attempts were made] or the Respondent and I did not make any attempts to save the marriage.
2. I request that in the circumstances, this Honourable Court may see it fit to dispense with the hearing of the Petition, and grant the relief sought in the Petition.

SWORN to at )

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in the parish of ) ……..…………………………………...

this day of 20 ) **PETITIONER**

before me: )

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JUSTICE OF THE PEACE FOR THE

PARISH OF:

**FILED** by [state the name and address of the Petitioner if appearing in person, or where represented, the name address and telephone number of the law firm or the attorney-at-law].

**“RIW 1”**

This is a certified copy of my marriage certificate mentioned and referred to in paragraph two (2) of my Affidavit sworn to on the day of 20

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