

## **YOUR TESTIMONY IN COURT**

When your last name is called, go into the courtroom and sit at one of the short tables. You should have already submitted your proposed Divorce Decree.

You will be asked to raise your right hand to be sworn-in.

Give the following testimony if it is true and correct:

“Your Honor, my name is \_\_\_\_\_, I am the Petitioner in this case. I am representing myself in Court today.”

“I have been a resident and domiciliary of Taylor County for 6 months preceding the filing of this divorce case”

“The respondent and I were married on the \_\_ day of \_\_ (year) \_\_, and separated and ceased to live together on or about the \_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, (year) \_\_\_\_\_.”

“The marriage has become insupportable because of discord or conflict or personalities between the parties that has destroyed the legitimate ends of the marriage relationship. There is no expectation of reconciliation.”

### **IF THERE ARE NO CHILDREN OF THE MARRIAGE**

“There are no children born of this marriage, and none are adopted, and none are expected at this time.”

### **IF THERE ARE CHILDREN OF THE MARRIAGE**

“There are \_\_\_\_\_ children born of this marriage.”

\*\*\* (At this time, you will explain to the Court what provisions you have set forth concerning Conservatorship of the child(ren), i.e. Joint Managing Conservatorship or Sole and Possessory Conservatorship.)

\*\*\* (At this time, you will explain to the Court what provisions you have set forth concerning Visitation of the child(ren); i.e. Standard Visitation per the Texas Family Code.)

\*\*\* (At this time you will explain to the Court what provisions you have set forth concerning Child Support for the child(ren) to be withheld by payroll withholding; i.e. how much per month.)

“The parties have divided all of the community property, personal property, assets and debts as stated in the Decree of Divorce before Your Honor at this time.”

**IF YOU ARE ASKING FOR A NAME CHANGE**

“I ask that Your Honor restore my former name of \_\_\_\_\_.”

“I ask that Your Honor grant this Divorce. Thank you.”

\*\*\* (At this time, wait for the Judge to ask you any questions he/she may have. If he/she signs your Divorce Decree, go to the Clerk’s office to have your copies certified.