

## **SUGGESTED EVIDENCE OF BONA FIDE MARRIAGE**

1. Photographs that show both spouses together, and with family and friends. These can be taken at the wedding, at other functions or events, and throughout their relationship.
2. Copies of joint income tax returns.
3. Evidence of joint checking or savings accounts.
4. Photo identification cards of both spouses with a new card for the wife showing her married name.
5. Driver's licenses, credit cards, check-cashing cards, employment ID cards, video club memberships, etc, for both parties.
6. Real property deeds showing joint tenancy.
7. Apartment lease or a letter from the landlord indicating that both spouses live at the apartment, or copies of rent receipts showing both parties' names.
8. Letter from an employer showing a change in records to reflect spouse's new marital status.
9. Letter from an employer showing designation of the spouse as the person to be notified in event of accident, sickness, or other emergency.
10. Evidence of life insurance policies where the spouse is named as beneficiary.
11. Evidence of medical or health insurance plans that name the spouse as a member or beneficiary.
12. Evidence of correspondence between the parties, including letters, birthday and holiday cards, telephone calls and other correspondence addressed to the parties.
13. Religious marriage certificate if the couple was married in a religious ceremony.
14. Copies of gas, electric, telephone and other utility bills.
15. Evidence of joint ownership of automobile.
16. Birth certificates of children born of the relationship.
17. Evidence of vacations taken together, including airline tickets and hotel bills.
18. Evidence of all major purchases made together, such as stereo, television, refrigerator, washer, dryer, etc.