

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT '2' ADENTAN SITTING BEFORE HER HONOUR SEDINAM AWO BALOKAH
(MS) THE PRESIDING JUDGE ON THE 29TH DAY OF DECEMBER, 2023**

TIME: 11: 03 AM

SUIT NO. C5/018/2023

**CYNTHIA OPPONG
H/NO. MD 22/5
MADINA**

PETITIONER

VRS.

**EDMUND MENSAH HLAH
AGBOGBA, ACCRA**

RESPONDENT

Parties

Parties present

Representation

Yaa Mankosah Danso Esq. present holding brief for Rita Ali Kunkuti for Petition
Stephanie Selorm Bokor present holding brief for Rachael Hasel for Respondent

BY COURT- JUDGMENT ON DISSOLUTION

I have considered the instant Petition for Divorce and all the reliefs sought therein. I have further considered the oral testimonies of the parties herein.

In my humble opinion, the following facts are established by the evidence on record;

- 1) The fact that the parties herein got married under the Ordinance (CAP 127) on the 12th day of July 2014 at the church of Pentecost Madina District in Accra. (See Exhibit A),
- 2) The fact the said marriage is blessed with two (2) children namely: Seli Ewurama Mensah Hlah (8 years) and Ella Owusuaa Mensah Hlah (7 years),
- 3) The fact that the parties have not been able to reconcile their differences despite several efforts at same, and
- 4) The fact that the parties herein have not lived together as husband and wife for seven (7) years immediately preceding the presentation of the instant Petition for Divorce.

Upon the above fact in evidence and in light of **Sections 2 (1) (e) and (f), of the Matrimonial Causes 1971 (Act, 367)**, I find and hold that the Ordinance Marriage celebrated between the parties on the 12th day of July 2014 at the church of Pentecost Madina District in Accra, and as evidenced by Exhibit A, has broken down beyond reconciliation.

I accordingly dissolve the said marriage this **29th day of December 2023**.

The Registrar of this court shall cancel the marriage certificate (Exhibit A) and issue to the parties a Divorce certificate.

Further, in light of **Sections 43, 44 and 45 of the children's Act 1998 (Act 560 as Amended)**, Custody of the two (2) children of the parties as mentioned earlier in this Judgment, is granted to the Petitioner herein.

Reasonable access to the said children especially on weekends and holidays is granted to the Respondent herein. Reasonable access here includes and is limited to; phone calls, video calls, 3 hour supervised visitation on each day (either a weekend or holidays) and supervised outing to public child-friendly places for maximum 4 hours.

Again, in consideration of **Sections 47, 48, 49, 51 and 52 of Act 560**, the Respondent is ordered to pay to Petitioner through Petitioner's MoMo number 0541742123 (Cynthia Oppong). Monthly maintenance of six hundred Ghana cedis for the parties' two (2) children.

Additionally, the parties shall pay all medical and educational related bills of their two (2) in equal part (50 – 50).

The Petitioner shall provide shelter and day to day care for the children. The parties are advice to provide all necessities of life, health, shelter and education for their two children as ordered.

No award as to cost.

**H/H SEDINAM AWO BALOKAH
CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE**