

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT '2' ADENTAN BEFORE HER HONOUR SEDINAM AWO BALOKAH
(MS) THE PRESIDING JUDGE ON THE 6TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 2023**

TIME: 12:14 PM

SUIT NO. C5/058/2023

**DORIS OHENE DJAN
UNNUMBERED HOUSE
TEMA**

PETITIONER

VRS.

RESPONDENT

**FREDERICK DOUGLAS BEKOE
ASHALEY BOTWE
ACCRA**

Parties Present

Claudia Addison present for Petitioner

Victoria Morkor Aryeh Present holding brief for Richard K. Abban for Respondent

By Court - Judgment:

I have read the pleadings put before this court by the Parties herein.

I have carefully considered the evidence adduced by the Parties (that is; the witness statement of the Parties as well as Exhibits A, B and C).

I am of the humble opinion that the following facts are clearly established from all the evidence on record;

- 1) The fact that the Parties got married under the ordinance on the 2nd day of November 2016 at the Principal Registrar of Marriages Office in Accra. (See Exhibit A).
- 2) The fact that the said marriage was blessed with 2 issues namely; Marvella Bekoe (5 years old) and Perry Paa Kwesi Bekow (3 years old).
- 3) The fact that the Parties have irreconcilable differences and that several attempts to resolve these differences have proved futile.

Upon the above facts and in light of **Section 2 (1) (f) of the Matrimonial Causes Act, 1971 (Act 367)**., I find and hold that the Ordinance Marriage celebrated between the Parties in Accra on the 2nd day of November 2016 has broken down beyond reconciliation.

I accordingly dissolve the said marriage this **6th day of October, 2023**.

The Registrar of this court shall issue to the Parties a Divorce Certificate after cancelling the copy of their marriage certificate (Exhibit A).

In light of **Sections 2, 43, 44, 45 of the Children's Act 1998 (Act 560 as amended)**, I deemed it fit and appropriate in the best interest of the two issues of the marriage to grant custody of the said two (2) children (Marvella Bekoe aged 5 years and Perry Paa Kwesi Bekow aged 3 years) to the Petitioner herein. Reasonable access to the two (2) children is granted to the Respondent herein in the same manner as was previously ordered by this court in the interim access order that is: twice every month (every other weekend) on Saturdays between 11:00am and 2:00pm at the East Wing Hospital playground opposite the Emefs Police Station Mataheko Afenya.

Further in light of **Sections 2 47, 48, and 49 of Act 560**, I deem it fit to order the Respondent to maintain the two (2) children with **GH¢800.00** every month through the Petitioner's MoMo number **0243634410** (Doris Ohene Djan).

The Parties are ordered to provide equally towards the payment of all educational and medical related bill for the two (2) children.

The Petitioner shall provide shelter for the two (2) children.

These orders on maintenance, custody and access may be reviewed upon application by the Parties.

The Parties are advised to provide all necessities of life, health and education for their two (2) children forthwith.

No award as to cost.

(SGD)

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

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