



Habitual Cruel and Inhuman Treatment

Behavior that:

Option #1

- (1) Endanger life, limb, or health; OR
- (2) Creates a reasonable apprehension of danger of life, limb or health; AND
- (3) Rendering the relationship unsafe for the party seeking relief; AND
- (4) Conduct was systematic and continuous; BUT
- (5) Cruelty can be one event.

Option #2

- (1) Conduct of offending spouse is so unnatural and infamous as to make the marriage revolting to the non-offending spouse; AND
- (2) Renders it impossible for that spouse to discharge the duties of marriage, AND
- (3) Conduct destroys the basis for the marriage continuing.

Option #3

Spousal domestic abuse may be established through the reliable testimony of a single credible witness, who may be the injured party, and includes, but is not limited to:

- (1) That the injured party's spouse attempted to cause, or purposely, knowingly or recklessly caused bodily injury to the injured party, or that the injured party's spouse attempted by physical menace to put the injured party in fear of imminent serious bodily harm; OR
- (2) That the injured party's spouse engaged in a pattern of behavior against the injured party of threats or intimidation, emotional or verbal abuse, forced isolation, sexual extortion or sexual abuse, or stalking or aggravated stalking as defined in Section 97-3-107, if the pattern of behavior rises above the level of unkindness or rudeness or incompatibility or want of affection.