

What is an annulment?

An annulment declares that a marriage was invalid when it took place. There are several possible grounds for annulment, such as one party was under the age of legal consent to marriage; one party had an incurable physical incapacity at the time of marriage that would prevent the couple from having sexual relations; or one party had a severe mental incapacity at the time of marriage that prevented an understanding of the nature of the marriage relationship. The marriage may also be invalid because of bigamy, where one party was already married to another spouse at the time of the second marriage.

For further information, the Ohio State Bar Association's web site has a paper on the subject at "Marriages Are Annulled in Special Cases."

P:\Web\PublicWebPosts\Family Law FAQs.wpd