For Filipino citizens divorced by their foreign spouses

Judicial confirmation and Annotation of Foreign Divorce Judgments/Decrees in Philippine Civil Registry Records

The following steps are to be followed to have a foreign divorce decree judicially confirmed, recognized and annotated in the Philippines:

1. Secure an authenticated copy (beglaubigte Kopie) of your divorce decree
2. Have the divorce decree translated into English by a registered translator
3. Bring the English translation + the original to the Landgericht and have them authenticated (Überbeglaubigung)
4. Bring/send the ‘überbeglaubigte’ translation + the original to the Embassy for authentication
5. Execute a Special Power of Attorney (SPA) at the Embassy, authorizing a relative in the Philippines to:
   a. Have the divorce decree judicially confirmed in a Philippine Court,
   b. Register the RTC confirmation/decision with NSO, and
   c. Secure from the NSO a copy of your Report of Marriage / Certificate of Marriage (if married in the Philippines) bearing the annotation of divorce
6. Send the documents (4) and (5) to your relative in the Philippines

The relative or authorized representative in the Philippines will:

7. Present the documents (4) authenticated translation + the original German version, and (5) the SPA to a Regional Trial Court RTC in the Philippines for juridical confirmation
8. The RTC will issue a confirmation/decision
9. Bring the RTC confirmation/decision to NSO for registration
10. Request NSO for a copy of the ANNOTATED REPORT OF MARRIAGE
11. Go to the Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA) and have the Annotated Report of Marriage authenticated
12. Send the authenticated annotated Report of Marriage / Marriage Certificate to Germany

The authenticated annotated Report of Marriage / Marriage Certificate can now be used in the Embassy, having been juridically confirmed in the Philippines, for example, in applying for a Legal Capacity to Contract Marriage, or for change of name in the passport back to single name.

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