Who needs to petition for a declaration of nullity?

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Marriage is a lifelong bond dissolved by death, but not divorce. Therefore, any person (regardless of religion, denomination, or baptismal status) who seeks to marry in the Catholic Church but has been married before must be free from any previous bond of marriage. If one's spouse is still living, the Tribunal needs to establish your freedom to marry or that of the person you wish to marry. In addition, if a person wishes to be baptized or received into the Catholic Church and, currently, is married invalidly (e.g., a second marriage contracted during the life of the first spouse), baptism or reception cannot proceed until the Tribunal establishes your freedom to marry or that of your current spouse.

Learn more about Declaration of Nullity below:

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