

Camacho v Office of the City Clerk, Marriage Bur.

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Judge: Aija Tingling

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SUPREME COURT STATE OF NEW YORK
COUNTY OF NEW YORK

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PRISCILLA CAMACHO,

Index Number: 150187/2026

Plaintiff,

DECISION & ORDER

-against-

OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK, MARRIAGE BUREAU,
THE CITY OF NEW YORK

Defendant.

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AIJA TINGLING, J.S.C.

Plaintiff, PRISCILLA CAMACHO (“Plaintiff”) having filed a motion by order to show cause signed on February 3, 2026 (Tingling, *J.*) (Mot. Seq. 1) (the “Motion”), seeking, *inter alia*, an order declaring the 2016 marriage between Plaintiff and Kyle Ridington void *ab initio*, and Kyle Ridington, with respect to the facts alleged in the Motion, submitted an affirmation in support of the Motion setting forth certain facts, and

The Motion, having come on to be heard, and the Court having heard oral argument from both parties on March 19, 2026, and where counsel for the Office of the City Clerk, Marriage Bureau, and the City of New York (collectively, “Defendant”) stated that Defendant had no objection to the relief sought in Plaintiff’s Motion.

Upon the foregoing record, Plaintiff’s Motion is granted as follows:

Background

On or about April 2016, Plaintiff Priscilla Camacho and non-party Kyle Ridington obtained a marriage license from the Marriage Bureau. On or about May 14, 2016, a marriage ceremony took place in New York City involving Plaintiff and Mr. Ridington and officiated by Colin Kelly.

Sometime prior to the marriage ceremony, Mr. Kelly believed he had become

an ordained minister with the United National Ministry by paying \$79.99 to the United National Ministry to receive their Wedding Ministry Package. Mr. Kelly did not register with the Office of the City Clerk prior to solemnizing the marriage ceremony as mandated by Domestic Relations Law §11-b. No person other than Mr. Kelly solemnized the wedding. No other marriage ceremony, other than the one in May 2016, took place between Plaintiff and Mr. Ridington.

Mr. Kelly returned the duly completed marriage license to the Marriage Bureau sometime in 2016.

By November 2016, Plaintiff and Mr. Ridington had not yet received the marriage certificate from Defendant. That same month, Plaintiff alleges she was told by a person working at Defendant's office that the marriage certificate would not be released because Mr. Kelly had not registered with the Office of the City Clerk.

Following the conversation with Defendant, Plaintiff and Mr. Ridington did not believe they were married to each other. In January 2017, Plaintiff and Kyle Ridington ended their romantic relationship. After they ended their romantic relationship, neither Plaintiff nor Kyle Ridington sought a divorce from the other party because neither party believed they were married to each other.

On December 12, 2025, Plaintiff participated in a marriage ceremony with Joseph Lemieux at the Office of the City Clerk. The license number for the 2025 marriage ceremony is M202522178. On December 19, 2025, Plaintiff was contacted by someone from the Defendant and advised that the registration of this 2025 marriage ceremony is being held due to the unresolved status of the prior, unrecorded 2016 marriage ceremony.

Solemnization of Marriages in New York

No marriage in New York State shall be valid unless solemnized by one of the persons empowered to solemnize marriages as set forth in Domestic Relations Law § 11. Plaintiff alleges that, pursuant to New York law, since he had not registered with the Office of the City Clerk, Mr. Kelly was not empowered to solemnize marriages in New York City at the time he officiated the wedding between Plaintiff and Mr. Ridington in May 2016. Defendant does not dispute Plaintiff's allegation.

Plaintiff seeks to treat the Motion as a motion for summary judgment under CPLR 3212 and Defendant has no objection to the Motion being treated as a motion for summary judgment under CPLR 3212. *See Grand Aerie of Fraternal Order of Eagles v. Mostrando*, 94 A.D.3d 1050, 1052-53 (2nd Dept 2012) (parties to a matter have the ability to agree to treat a motion as a motion for summary judgment).

A Supreme Court Justice is vested with inherent plenary power (NY Const, art VI, § 7) to fashion any remedy necessary for the proper administration of justice. *See, People ex rel. Doe v Beaudoin*, 102 A.D.2d 359, 363 (3rd Dept 1984). In an action for a declaratory judgment, the court has an exceedingly broad discretion in deciding the issues. *Cahill v. Regan*, 5 N.Y.2d 292, 298 (N.Y. 1959). Where it appears that “the discretionary and extraordinary powers of the court have been invoked for a sufficient reason”, the court will “retain jurisdiction of the action and . . . exercise its power to declare the rights and legal relations of the parties whatever they may be.” *Id.*, citing *Rockland Light & Power Co. v. City of New York*, 289 N. Y. 45 (N.Y. 1942); see also *Matter of Kaminester v. Foldes*, 51 A.D.3d 528, 529 (1st Dept 2008) (finding the lower court he was not bound by the form of the proceeding and properly issued a declaratory finding invalidating the marriage).

NOW, on the motion of Plaintiff, it is hereby:

ORDERED, that the 2016 wedding ceremony between Priscilla Camacho and Kyle Ridington failed to comply with DRL § 11-b; and it is further

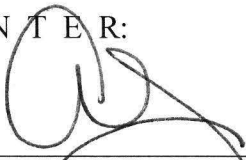
ORDERED, that the marriage of Priscilla Camacho and Kyle Ridington be, and it is declared, null and void and of no effect *ab initio*, and that each of the parties is restored to *status quo ante*; and it is further

ORDERED that the Defendant issue a marriage certificate, *nunc pro tunc*, acknowledging that Plaintiff and Joseph Lemieux (license number M202522178) were legally married on December 12, 2025 and have been ever since; and it is further

ORDERED, that James D’Elicio Esq., as counsel for Priscilla Camacho, is directed to serve a copy of this Decision and Order with Notice of Entry upon the parties herein within 20 days of entry hereof, and to file an Affirmation of Service with the County Clerk.

Dated: 3/23/26

E N T E R:



HON. AIJA TINGLING
J.S.C. J.S.C.