

## DOCUMENTS REQUIRED FOR AMERICAN CITIZENS

Thanks to our established relationships with the offices of competence in Venice, we will assist you in the management of all the necessary paperwork.

### *Required documents for American citizens who intend to marry in Italy:*

- ❖ Passport;
- ❖ Certificate of birth and marriage license issued by the Command (in case one of the spouses is enrolled in a Military Corps);
- ❖ Written document certifying the dissolution of any marriage previously celebrated or a document valid as a final decree of divorce or a decree of annulment or the death certificate of previous spouse;
- ❖ Affidavit of parents or guardians for consent to marriage in the case spouses are under 18 years of age.

### *In the USA:*

- ❖ All documents must be translated into Italian;
- ❖ Translated documents will be legalized for their use in Italy through the so-called "APOSTILLE", a stamp - in accordance with the Aja Convention - regarding the legalization of foreign public documents. In the USA, the "Apostille" is placed by the State Secretariat of the State where the document was issued.
- ❖ According to the Italian law, all public documents, regardless of their origin, are considered valid only for the following 6 months from their date of issue. Americans are therefore advised to ensure that all documents to be submitted to the Italian Authorities are issued no longer than six months before the planned wedding.

### *In Italy:*

- ❖ Sworn statement by the US citizen at the American Consulate, certifying that there are no legal impediments to the marriage. Your marital status will have to be such that you can legally marry another person under the laws in force in Italy and in the USA. After obtaining the statement from the Consulate, this must be brought to the Legalization Office of the Prefecture for authentication.
- ❖ The authentication of the declaration must be made by the Legalization Office of the Prefecture. Usually the office is open Monday through Saturday from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm; the authentication request can be obtained in any Prefecture (there is one in every province).
- ❖ A woman who has ended her previous marriage in the last 300 days must obtain a clearance by the Public Prosecutor's Office, issued upon presentation of a medical certificate of non-pregnancy.