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Work Experience

Professional Conference Interpreter and Translator since 2003.

EL/EN/FR/IT-speaking Wedding Celebrant in Greece since 2015

Education

BA IN TRANSLATION AND INTERPRETING | IONIAN UNIVERSITY

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Role of a Wedding Celebrant

PRE-WEDDING

- To assist, in collaboration with the wedding planner, couples in designing the wedding ceremony.
- To meet (normally once) and familiarize them with the procedure.
- To provide them with preliminary material, delicately guide and advise them in specific matters (vows, local customs etc.) and ultimately confirm the wedding script.
- To provide them with the “director’s” viewpoint in setting the wedding scene and preparing the actual setup, to coordinate with involved professionals (e.g. sound engineers, photographers etc.) and other participants (best man, maid of honor etc.)
- To assist individual / couples by means of rehearsing the ceremony (extra fees apply)

DURING WEDDING

- To smoothly deliver the ceremony and provide leadership throughout
- To engage participants by displaying empathy, clarity and flexibility during the ceremony
- To assume troubleshooting tasks should anything occur while the ceremony is on

GENERAL DESCRIPTION

As a Celebrant, I undertake to facilitate the couple in planning the actual ceremony. Such planning (“script building”) should be aligned with the couple’s emotional and sociocultural requirements and/or personal desires and take into account practicalities suggested by the wedding planner. My role is NOT to dictate things or to add extra work on the wedding planner; in a subtle yet effective way, I provide, during planning, the couple with enough space to add their own colors and contribution in the procedure (vows, quotes etc.), while maintaining the solemn and compact character a meaningful ceremony should have.

My preliminary communication with the couple may be carried out via email or Skype. I provide them with script templates, explain local customs that may be suggested, reassure them the rite will unfold smoothly and be fully controlled by me, and clarify any questions they might have. My task requires at least one meeting with the couple, a few days before the wedding. No rehearsal is needed, however, if deemed proper by the couple or planner, this may apply against an extra fee.



FEES

- Fees are determined ad hoc and subject to availability. A minimum fee applies for basic celebrancy service on wedding ceremonies within Attika region on non-weekend days (no rehearsal included).
- Accommodation and travel expenses (from/to Athens), if applicable, to the wedding place shall be incurred by the planner.
- Down-payment and/or cancellation fees may apply.

Referrals

Upon request, you may be provided with contact details of wedding planners I have already worked with.

