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Marriage in Argentina is governed by the Marriage Law.¹ For a marriage to be valid, it has to be performed before the public officer in charge of the Civil Registry of the spouses' domicile, before two witnesses and in compliance with all forms required by the Law.²

After the spouses have given their consent to the marriage before the Civil Registry officer, they are entitled under the Law to have their marriage consecrated in a religious ceremony.³

Only marriages performed before the competent civil authority have legal effects.⁴ Therefore, a civil marriage, if performed according to the forms and requirements prescribed by the Law⁵ is fully legal. Under Argentine Law the only valid marriage is the civil one. The religious marriage is irrelevant for legal purposes.

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¹ Law No. 2393, as amended by Law No. 23515, *Boletín Oficial* June 12, 1987, in *Código Civil* 61 (Buenos Aires, Zavalia, 1989).

² *Id.* art. 188.

³ *Id.*

⁴ *Id.* art. 172.

⁵ *Id.* arts. 186 and 187.