

WSR 25-18-008
RULES OF COURT
STATE SUPREME COURT
[July 2, 2025]

IN THE MATTER OF THE PROPOSED) ORDER
AMENDMENTS TO CR 55—) NO. 25700-A-1648
DEFAULT AND JUDGMENT AND)
CRLJ 55—DEFAULT)

The Superior Court Judges' Association, having recommended the adoption of the proposed amendments to CR 55—Default and Judgment, and the Supreme Court Rules Committee, having recommended the adoption of the proposed amendments to CRLJ 55—Default, and the Court having published the proposed amendments for comment, and having considered the proposed amendments, and having determined that the proposed amendments will aid in the prompt and orderly administration of justice;

Now, therefore, it is hereby

ORDERED:

(a) That the proposed amendments as shown below are adopted.

(b) That pursuant to the emergency provisions of GR 9 (j)(1), the proposed amendments will be expeditiously published in the Washington Reports and will become effective upon publication.

DATED at Olympia, Washington this 2nd day of July, 2025.

Table with 2 columns of names: Johnson, J., Madsen, J., Gonzalez, J., Gordon McCloud, J., Stephens, C.J., Yu, J., Montoya-Lewis, J., Whitener, J., Mungia, J.

CR 55
DEFAULT AND JUDGMENT

(a) Entry of Default.

(1)-(2) [Unchanged.]

(3) Notice. Any party who has appeared in the action for any purpose shall be served with a written notice of motion for default and the supporting affidavit at least 5 days before the hearing on the motion. Any party who has not appeared before the motion for default and supporting affidavit are filed is not entitled to a notice of the motion, except as provided in rule 55 (f)(2)(A).

(4) [Unchanged.]

(b)-(f) [Unchanged.]

CRLJ 55
DEFAULT

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(4) [Unchanged.]

(b)-(e) [Unchanged.]

(f) How Made After Elapse of Year.

(1) [Unchanged.]

(2) *Service*. Service of notice of the time and place on the application for the order of default or default judgment shall be made as follows:

(A) by service upon the attorney of record;

(B) if there is no attorney of record, then by service upon the defendant by certified mail with return receipt of said service to be attached to the affidavit in support of the application; or

(C) by a personal service upon the defendant in the same manner provided for service of process.

(D) If service of notice cannot be made under subsections (A) and (C), the notice may be given by publication in a newspaper of general circulation in the county in which the action is pending for one publication, and by mailing a copy to the last known address of each defendant. Both the publication and mailing shall be done 10 days prior to the hearing.

Reviser's note: The typographical error in the above material occurred in the copy filed by the state supreme court and appears in the Register pursuant to the requirements of RCW 34.08.040.