

**SUPERIOR COURT OF WASHINGTON
COUNTY OF**

In re the Marriage of:

and

Petitioner,

Respondent.

NO.

**SUMMONS
(SM)**

TO THE RESPONDENT:

1. The petitioner has started an action in the above court requesting:

- ☐ that your marriage be dissolved.
- ☐ a legal separation.
- ☐ that the validity of your marriage be determined.

Additional requests, if any, are stated in the petition, a copy of which is attached to this summons.

2. You must respond to this summons and petition by serving a copy of your written response on the person signing this summons and by filing the original with the clerk of the court. If you do not serve your written response within 20 days (or 60 days if you are served outside of the State of Washington) after the date this summons was served on you, exclusive of the day of service, the court may enter an order of default against you, and the court may, without further notice to you, enter a decree and approve or provide for the relief requested in the petition. In the case of a dissolution of marriage, the court will not enter the final decree until at least 90 days after filing and service. If you serve a notice of appearance on the undersigned person, you are entitled to notice before an order of default or a decree may be entered.

3. Your written response to the summons and petition must be on form WPF DR 01.0300, Response to Petition (Domestic Relations). This form may be obtained by contacting the clerk of the court at the address below, by contacting the Office of the Administrator for the Courts at (360) 705-5328, or from the Internet at the Washington State Courts homepage:

<http://www.courts.wa.gov/forms>

4. If this action has not been filed with the court, you may demand that the petitioner file this action with the court. If you do so, the demand must be in writing and must be served upon the person signing this summons. Within 14 days after you serve the demand, the petitioner must file this action with the court, or the service on you of this summons and petition will be void.
5. If you wish to seek the advice of an attorney in this matter, you should do so promptly so that your written response, if any, may be served on time.
6. One method of serving a copy of your response on the petitioner is to send it by certified mail with return receipt requested.

This summons is issued pursuant to Superior Court Civil Rule 4.1 of the state of Washington.

Dated: _____

Signature of Lawyer or Petitioner

Print or Type Name

FILE ORIGINAL OF YOUR RESPONSE
WITH THE CLERK OF THE COURT AT:

SERVE A COPY OF YOUR RESPONSE ON:

- ☐ Petitioner
☐ Petitioner's Lawyer

[Name of Court]

[Name]

[Address]

[Address]