

**Superior Court of Washington
County of**

In re the Marriage of:

and

Petitioner,

Respondent.

No.

**Summons by Mail
(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.

2. You must respond to this summons 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 90 days from the date of mailing of this summons (90 days after the _____ day of _____, 20____), 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 other 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 service and filing. 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). Information about how to get this form may be obtained by contacting the clerk of the court, by contacting the Administrative Office of 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 publishing 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 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 RCW 4.28.100 and Superior Court Civil Rule 4.1 of the state of Washington.

Dated: _____

Signature of Petitioner or Lawyer/WSBA No.

Print or Type Name

**File original of your response
with the clerk of the court at:**

Serve a copy of your response on:

Petitioner [You may list an address that is not your residential address where you agree to accept legal documents. Any time this address changes while this action is pending, you must notify the opposing parties in writing and file an updated Confidential Information Form (WPF DRPSCU 09.0200) with the court clerk.]

Petitioner's Lawyer

[Name of Court]

[Name]

[Address]

[Address]

Date Mailed: _____