

*Superior Court for the State of Washington  
in and for the County of King*

**JUDGE TANYA L. THORP**  
Department 27

King County Courthouse  
Seattle, Washington 98104-2312

January 31, 2023

Honorable Charles W. Johnson, Chair  
Honorable Mary I. Yu, Chair  
Supreme Court Rules Committee  
Temple of Justice  
P.O. Box 40929  
Olympia, WA 98504-0929  
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Dear Justice Johnson and Justice Yu:

Re: Proposed new Superior Court Special Proceedings Rule 98.24W

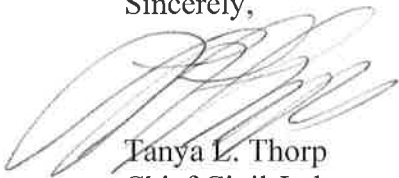
Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on this proposed rule. I submit this comment in consultation with the King County Superior Ex Parte and Probate Department Court Commissioners that hear unlawful detainer matters. We concur with the Superior Court Judges' Association (SCJA) comments submitted on December 5, 2022. We write separately only to suggest that if the rule should proceed that the following edits be considered:

- 1) That the last sentence of Section 2 be revised to state: "Upon such motion, the court shall appoint the lawyer and stay the writ for no less than 10 days."
- 2) That the first sentence of Section 3 state: "A stay issued under this rule will expire on the expiration date without further order from the court."

The above suggested edits are not intended and do not address any of the concerns outlined in the SCJA comments. The edits are proposed only because the 10-day limit on stays is not feasible with the volume of cases in King County.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,



Tanya L. Thorp  
Chief Civil Judge  
King County Superior Court

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Good morning,

Attached please find the public comment so SPR 98.24W. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,  
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