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Below are comments regarding the proposed changes to CRLJ 56:

CRLJ 56: The proposed amendment would require the party who files a motion for summary judgment to serve a copy of CRLJ 56 on the opposing party. This rule serves an important goal, especially in cases in courts of limited jurisdiction, when parties may not be represented. Given that goal, this rule would be a good change and I write in support of the change. However, I write to suggest that the change is only a half-measure. The language of a court rule is written in technical, legal language and may not provide a meaningful resource for unrepresented parties. A number of superior courts (Spokane County and Thurston County) have adopted a specific notice that describes what a summary judgment motion is and what is required in order to respond to the motion. These notices are written in plain language and provide more information about the process. It might be better to amend CRLJ 56 to require parties in courts of limited jurisdiction to serve a notice similar to these notices. In the future, the Court could consider such a change. Here are links to the rules in Spokane County and Thurston County:

[What-is-a-Summary-Judgment-Motion-Notice-for-Parties-Who-Do-Not-Have-a-Lawyer](https://www.spokanecounty.org/What-is-a-Summary-Judgment-Motion-Notice-for-Parties-Who-Do-Not-Have-a-Lawyer)  
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