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THE SUPREME COURT OF WASHINGTON

IN THE MATTER OF THE PROPOSED
AMENDMENTS TO CR 12—DEFENSES AND
OBJECTIONS

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ORDER

NO. 25700-A-1636

The Gender and Justice Commission, having recommended the adoption of the proposed amendments to CR 12—Defenses and Objections, and the Court having published the proposed amendments for comment, and having considered the proposed amendments, and having determined that the proposed amendments as revised by the Court at the suggestion of the Superior Court Judges’ Association will aid in the prompt and orderly administration of justice;

Now, therefore, it is hereby

ORDERED:

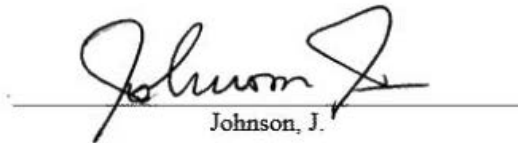
- (a) That the proposed amendments as attached hereto are adopted.
- (b) That the proposed amendments will be published in the Washington Reports and will become effective September 1, 2025.

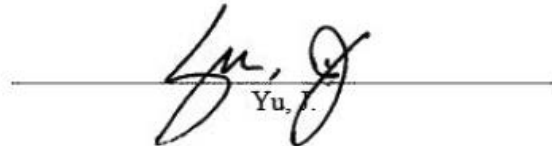
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DATED at Olympia, Washington this 5th day of June, 2025.


CHIEF JUSTICE

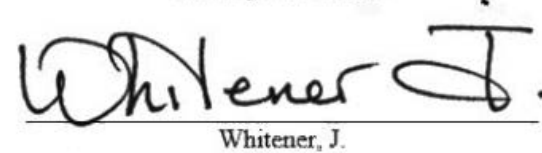

Johnson, J.


Yu, J.


Madsen, J.


Montoya-Lewis, J.


González, J.


Whitener, J.


Gordon McCloud, J.


Mungia, J.

CR 12
DEFENSES AND OBJECTIONS

(a) When Presented. A defendant shall serve an answer within the following periods:

(1)-(3) [Unchanged.]

(4) Within 60 days after the service of the summons upon the defendant if the summons is served in a jail, detention facility, or prison facility pursuant to rule 4, unless a different time for response, appearance, or answer is specifically stated in statute.

(5) Within the period fixed by any other applicable statutes or rules.

A party served with a pleading stating a cross claim against another party shall serve an answer thereto within 20 days after the service upon that other party. The plaintiff shall serve a reply to a counterclaim in the answer within 20 days after service of the answer or, if a reply is ordered by the court, within 20 days after service of the order, unless the order otherwise directs. The service of a motion permitted under this rule alters these periods of time as follows, unless a different time is fixed by order of the court.

(A)-(B) [Unchanged.]

(b)-(i) [Unchanged.]