

PLEADINGS ALLOWED; FORM OF MOTIONS

(a) Pleadings. There shall be a complaint and an answer; a reply to a counterclaim denominated as such; an answer to a cross claim, if the answer contains a cross claim; a third party complaint, if a person who was not an original party is summoned under the provisions of rule 14; and a third party answer, if a third party complaint is served. No other pleading shall be allowed, except that the court may order a reply to an answer or a third party answer.

(b) Motions and Other Papers.

(1) *How Made.* An application to the court for an order shall be by motion which, unless made during a hearing or trial, shall be made in writing, shall state with particularity the grounds therefor, and shall set forth the relief or order sought. The requirement of writing is fulfilled if the motion is stated in a written notice of the hearing of the motion.

(2) *Form.* The rules applicable to captions and other matters of form of pleadings apply to all motions and other papers provided for by these rules.

(3) *Signing.* All motions shall be signed in accordance with rule 11.

(4) *Identification of Evidence.* When a motion is supported by affidavits or other papers, it shall specify the papers to be used by the moving party.

(5) *Oral Argument by Remote Means.* Oral argument on civil motions, including family law motions, may be heard by remote means in the discretion of the court. Parties shall bear their own costs of participation by conference call or other remote means unless the court directs otherwise in the ruling or decision on the motion.

(c) Demurrers, Pleas, etc., Abolished. Demurrers, pleas and exceptions for insufficiency of a pleading shall not be used.

(d) Security for Costs. [Reserved. See RCW 4.84.210 et seq.]

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