

# Problems getting title to my vehicle

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Various issues can cause problems getting title to your vehicle. This guide explains different ways to get title into your name. It has the court forms you need for an order to Quiet Title. We have a separate guide to quiet title for a manufactured or mobile home.

# 1. Common ways to get title

## How do I normally get proof of vehicle ownership?

A vehicle's buyer and seller must both <u>give paperwork</u> that reports the sale to the Washington <u>Department of Licensing (http://www.dol.wa.gov/)</u> (DOL) **within 5 days of the vehicle's sale**. The seller signs over the title to you. The DOL then issues you a new title.

If you are paying on the vehicle, the title lists you as the registered owner and the seller as the legal owner until you finish making payments.

#### What if the seller lost the title?

A seller who has lost or misplaced the title can <u>apply for a new copy</u> (https://dol.wa.gov/vehicles-and-boats/vehicles/renew-or-replace-vehicle-tabs/affidavit-lossrelease-interest) and sign it over to you. The seller should use the DOL's Affidavit of Loss/Release of Interest form



(https://dol.wa.gov/forms/view/420040/download?inline).

# What if the title is in some other registered or legal owner's name?

You can ask the last registered or legal owner to sign and file an Affidavit of Loss/Release of Interest form (https://dol.wa.gov/forms/view/420040/download?inline).

**Example**: You finished making your payments on the vehicle. You can ask the legal owner to sign and file a release of interest.

# The court awarded me the vehicle in my divorce. My ex disappeared or refuses to give me title. What can I do?

It depends if your final divorce order clearly identified the vehicle. You need it to include all of these:

- Year, make, and model
- VIN (Vehicle Identification Number)

If your divorce order **has** this information, you **don't** need to go back to court. You **do** need a certified copy of the Final Divorce Order from the clerk of the court that issued it. There will be a small fee for that. Take the certified copy to your local DOL vehicle licensing office (https://fortress.wa.gov/dol/dolprod/vehoffices/).

If your divorce order **doesn't** have this information, you should file a <u>Motion to Clarify Final Divorce Order to Identify Vehicle</u>. Once the judge signs the clarifying Order, you can get a certified copy to bring to your local <u>Department of Licensing vehicle licensing office (https://fortress.wa.gov/dol/dolprod/vehoffices/). They will transfer the title into your name.</u>

# What if I live in my vehicle?

If you live in your vehicle you may have <u>specific issues and special rights</u>. If your vehicle is a camper, trailer or RV **different** title rules might apply to your situation depending on the type of vehicle you live in.



### Do campers need their own registration and title?

Yes. Cab-over campers and other campers are living spaces that sit **on** your truck. Even if your camper is permanently attached to your truck, they each need their own title and registration. Even if the camper and truck were previously registered as one motorhome, now they have to be titled and registered individually. You will need to register and retitle them at the same time.

# 2. Other ways to get title

## What are other ways I can get title?

If you can't get title from a seller or other person you got the vehicle or mobile home from, you can apply for "ownership in doubt". Apply in any of these ways:

- Ask DOL to issue a 3-year registration without title. This converts to full ownership (giving you the title) if after 3 years nobody challenges (contests) your ownership.
- You can file a bond with DOL for a 3-year period and get a bonded title.
   The bond amount must be equal to 150% of the vehicle or mobile home's value.
- You can file a case in court for an order giving you legal ownership of the vehicle or mobile home (an order to quiet title).

**New!** Starting July 27, 2025 you can ask to have a new title created if none can be found for a mobile home, manufactured home or park model that you bought in a county treasurer's foreclosure or distraint sale for nonpayment of taxes.

# When should I ask DOL for a registration without title or a bonded title?



You can apply for registration without title or a bonded title if both of these are true:

- The seller never gave you title **or** never had the title.
- No other known person claims to own the vehicle or mobile home.

It is easiest and cheapest if you get a 3-year registration without title. Then wait for 3 years to get a full title. Use the DOL's <u>Bonded Title or Three-Year Registration</u> Without Title Affidavit form

(https://dol.wa.gov/forms/view/420008/download?inline).

You might have to get a Washington State Patrol vehicle inspection if you need a VIN number assigned, have a homemade trailer or vehicle, have a salvaged or rebuilt vehicle, have a vehicle that was stolen or listed as a total loss, or have other special circumstances. If you can't pass the inspection or don't have the required documents, you can try to get title by using the 3-year "ownership in doubt" registration process.

# 3. Use court to quiet title

#### Should I file a court action?

Sometimes going to court is the only option. You might have to go to court if any of these are true:

- The person who sold you the vehicle or mobile home failed to file the bill of sale and transfer title and still claims ownership or won't release their interest.
- The used vehicle or mobile home dealer that sold you the vehicle, whose name is on the title, went out of business.
- The lender of your vehicle or mobile home loan went out of business.
- You can't wait the time required to use the 3-year registration process.
- You don't know who the legal owner is.
- Someone else also says that they own the vehicle or mobile home.



## Who can't file a court case to quiet title?

**Don't** file a court case if either of these is true:

- The seller lost or misplaced the title. Ask the seller to apply for a new copy (https://dol.wa.gov/vehicles-and-boats/vehicles/renew-or-replace-vehicle-tabs/affidavit-lossrelease-interest) and sign it over to you. The seller should use the DOL's Affidavit of Loss/Release of Interest form (https://dol.wa.gov/forms/view/420040/download?inline).
- The title is in the name of someone other than the seller. Try to contact the person who has title and ask them to transfer ownership. If that person won't transfer title, you may need to file a court case.

#### You **shouldn't** file a court case if the **vehicle is any of these**:

- An <u>unauthorized vehicle</u> (https://app.leg.wa.gov/RCW/default.aspx?cite=46.55.010)
- An <u>abandoned vehicle</u> (https://app.leg.wa.gov/RCW/default.aspx?cite=46.55.010)
- A snowmobile (https://app.leg.wa.gov/RCW/default.aspx?cite=46.04.546)
- A vehicle <u>bought from a dealer</u> (<a href="https://app.leg.wa.gov/RCW/default.aspx?cite=46.70.011">https://app.leg.wa.gov/RCW/default.aspx?cite=46.70.011</a>) and the dealer still has title

Junk vehicles (https://app.leg.wa.gov/rcw/default.aspx?cite=46.55.230) that you need to have removed might be able to removed (https://www.wsp.wa.gov/wpcontent/uploads/2021/10/abandoned\_unauthorized\_junk\_vehicle.pdf) from your property through a junk vehicle affidavit (https://dol.wa.gov/forms/view/420549/download?inline) instead of a court action.

You'll need help from law enforcement or a tow company to do this.

#### What kind of court case must I file?

You must file a court case to "Quiet Title" to your vehicle or mobile home. It is also called applying for "ownership in doubt."

# What county and court do I file in?



You can file in either District or Superior court. Most people file in District Court because it costs less. You can file in the county you live in. If you can't afford the filing fee, you can ask the court for a fee waiver.

#### What court forms do I need?

Use the forms in Chapter 9.

## What if the court doesn't recognize this kind of case?

You can file this kind of case under RCW 46.12.680

(https://app.leg.wa.gov/rcw/default.aspx?cite=46.12.680). The Washington Courts memo about petitions for vehicle ownership

(https://customerservices.courts.wa.gov/support/solutions/articles/72000578202-petitions-for-vehicle-ownership) describes more about this unique kind of court case. You might need to print the memo

(https://customerservices.courts.wa.gov/helpdesk/attachments/72021301763) and file it as an exhibit with your court case. Or take a copy with you to your hearing to show the judge if they ask. It can help the judge better understand your case if they know about the memo.

# 4. Before you file

# Gather information to identify the vehicle

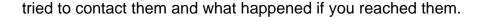
- Year, make and model
- VIN (Vehicle Identification Number)

Find out who has title to the vehicle. That person will be the "Defendant" in your court forms. Contact that person if you can find them. Tell them why you think you are the correct owner. Try to get them to transfer title to you if possible.



In your court forms, you must say how you tried to contact the Defendant before going to court. Keep notes about when and how you





## Prepare for the process

The court process takes time and involves many steps. Follow the step-by-step instructions in the next chapter. Here's a summary:

- Complete your forms including information about the person who has the title (the Defendant) and how you tried to contact them. Get this information together ahead of time.
- File the summons and complaint forms in court, pay the filing fee or ask for a fee waiver.
- Give the summons and complaint to the Defendant through correct notice procedures.
- Confirm that the Defendant isn't active-duty military.
- Give the Defendant 20 days to respond.
- If the Defendant doesn't respond, then prepare the Motion for Default and proposed Order on Motion for Default.
- File the Motion for Default in court. Ask the court clerk how to get your
  motion in front of a judge for review. There may be local forms to schedule a
  hearing or you may have to go to the court's ex-parte docket. That is a
  special docket where the judge can sign orders where the other party
  doesn't appear.
- Ask the judge to sign the Order on Motion for Default and the Order Quieting Title. Then get certified copies of the Order Quieting Title.

You can give the certified copy of the order to DOL and ask for new title issued in your name.

If the Defendant **does** respond to your summons and complaint within the first 20 days, you should get legal help before you continue with the case.

# 5. Step-by-step



## Step-by-step

These instructions assume that Defendant won't respond to your quiet title lawsuit. If you expect Defendant to respond and challenge your ownership of the vehicle, try to talk to a lawyer.

- 1. Gather the information you'll need to identify the Defendant and the vehicle.
- 2. **Fill out** the <u>summons and complaint court forms</u>. Make **2 copies** after you have finished and signed them.

If you have evidence that supports your claim, attach a copy of it to your Complaint. This can include:

- Proof of sale like agreement copies or receipts
- Copies of communications between you and the Defendant

You can also print the Washington Courts memo about petitions for vehicle ownership

(https://customerservices.courts.wa.gov/support/solutions/articles/72000578202-petitions-for-vehicle-ownership) and attach it to your Complaint. This isn't required but might be helpful.

3. File your summons and complaint forms in court.

Bring your originals and copies to the clerk of the court where you are filing this case. Give the clerk your set of originals to file. Include the copy of your filing fee waiver if you are asking for one. Otherwise, pay your filing fee.

Ask the clerk to stamp your copies to show the date you filed the originals. Take the stamped copies back from the clerk. The clerk keeps the originals. The clerk should have assigned a case number on the copy you got.



#### 4. Give the Defendant notice.

Have someone other than you, age 18 or older, <u>hand deliver a copy</u> of the Summons and Complaint to Defendant or Defendant's registered agent.

Have the person who delivers the paperwork fill out and sign the **Proof of Personal Service** form. Check to be sure they filled out the date of service, who the papers were delivered to, and how they were delivered. Also be sure the form **lists all documents** that were served. If your server leaves out a form, you won't have proof it was served.

Make **2 copies** of the signed Proof of Personal Service.

#### 5. Wait 20 days.

The Defendant has 20 days (https://www.courts.wa.gov/court\_rules/pdf/CR/SUP\_CR\_12\_00\_00.pdf) to file an Answer to your complaint. The 20-day count begins when your server gave them the summons. You **must** wait those 20 days before you can do anything else. You can do steps 6-7 while you wait 20 days.

If the Defendant files an Answer, a Notice of Appearance, or responds to you in any way within the 20 days, stop here. <u>Talk to a lawyer</u>.

If Defendant is served outside of Washington State, they have **60** days to answer the lawsuit. Try to have Defendant served in Washington if you can.

6. Check and confirm that the Defendant isn't active duty military. (Skip this step if Defendant is a business or corporation.)

If Defendant is a person, you can look them up on the <u>Servicemembers Civil</u> Relief Act (SCRA) website (https://scra.dmdc.osd.mil/scra/#/home) and get a report from the Defense Manpower Data Center (DMDC). You must create an account on that website to run a search. They call it a "record request". It's free. You'll need Defendant's date of birth **or** social security number.



Attach the report to the Motion for Default.

If you don't have that information, try to find out if Defendant is active duty military some other way. You can ask them or ask people who know them well. In your **Motion for Default**, you must explain what you did to find out Defendant's military status.

If the Defendant is active duty military, stop here. Talk to a lawyer

#### 7. Prepare the final court forms.

If Defendant doesn't respond after **20 days**, complete these court forms to finalize your case:

- Motion for Default
- Order on Motion for Default
- o Order Quieting Title to Vehicle or Manufactured Home

#### 8. Go back to the court clerk.

File the original Poof of Personal Service. Ask the clerk to stamp your copies with the file date.

Tell the clerk you're filing a motion for default and want a judge to sign your final Order Quieting Title. Ask if you must schedule a hearing or if a judge can sign your orders "ex parte". Follow the clerk's instructions. The practice varies by county. Some courts don't have an ex parte docket.

"Ex parte" means both parties don't have to be present. The judge can sign an order ex parte if both parties have already signed it, or if one party doesn't have to be notified.

- If you can use Ex Parte, you may have a hearing the same day you file the forms, or the next day if you file later in the day.
- If you must schedule a hearing, ask the clerk about when and where the hearing will be, or if you need another form for that.



#### 9. Get ready for and go to your hearing.

At the hearing you'll ask a judge to sign your proposed Order on Motion for Default and Order Quieting Title. Read the next 2 chapters for <u>how to</u> prepare and what to expect at your hearing.

#### 10. Get certified copies of the signed orders from the clerk.

If the judge signs your orders, you will need to get certified copies of both of the orders. You might be able to do it the same day as the hearing. Ask the judge's clerk as soon as your hearing is over how and when you can get certified copies of the orders. You will need at least **2 certified copies** of the signed orders. The clerk will charge you for the copies.

#### 11. Follow up with DOL.

After the hearing, give the certified copy of the order that quiets title to the DOL (http://www.dol.wa.gov/). Ask for a new title issued in your name. DOL will charge a fee for this.

# 6. What to say in court

Before the hearing, make a short outline of what to say to the court. It should look like this:

#### Introduction:

- My name is \_\_\_\_\_\_. Thank you for letting me be heard. I am asking for a default judgment to be entered and for an order to quiet title to this vehicle: [Describe the vehicle].
- I had the Defendant served and they didn't respond. I filed Proof of Personal Service with the court clerk. I have a copy if you'd like to see it.

Tell the judge you've met all the statutory requirements from RCW 46.12.680:

I bought this vehicle from the Defendant on [date].



- I can't get title transferred into my name because [explain].
- I've tried to contact the Defendant regarding this issue and the Defendant didn't respond.

The judge may ask you questions. If so, answer them to the best of your ability.

Practice what you'll say from your outline **before** you go to court. It's okay to read from your notes when you speak to the judge.

Learn tips for going to court.

# 7. At the hearing

Bring your copies of the documents that the clerk's office stamped. Also bring the extra copies of your proof of service and proposed orders.

It can help to take a copy of RCW 46.12.680 (https://app.leg.wa.gov/rcw/default.aspx?cite=46.12.680) and copy of the Washington Courts memo about petitions for vehicle ownership (https://customerservices.courts.wa.gov/support/solutions/articles/72000578202-petitions-for-vehicle-ownership) to show the judge. You might have to explain there is no procedure specified in statute or regulations for this kind of order. This is your only way to get title.

If you have children, try to find someone to watch them while you go to court. The judge probably won't let them sit in the courtroom.

Don't bring a weapon, or something that could be mistaken for a weapon (like a pocketknife), to the courthouse.

Try to be in the courtroom at least 15 minutes before you were told to be there. Give yourself time to find parking, or the right transit stop, or to wait in line to get into the courthouse.



If your hearing is online, follow these tips for phone and video hearings

## When you get to the courtroom:

- Check in with the courtroom clerk. Usually, they are sitting at a desk close to the judge. Tell the courtroom clerk your name because they need to know that you are there.
- When the judge calls your case, walk up to the table or podium for lawyers in front of the judge. Wait for them to tell you that it is your turn to speak.
   Follow your outline.
- During the hearing, speak only to the judge. Speak only when it is your turn.
   Don't interrupt the judge or speak to the prosecutor, even if they interrupt or speak to you.
- Be polite, reasonable, and calm. If you're confused or don't understand something, politely tell the judge so and ask for clarification. If the judge asks you any questions. Answer the best you can. If you don't know the answer to the judge's question, don't guess. Tell the judge you don't know the answer.
   If you need time to think, just tell the court you need a moment. Take your time.
- If the judge agrees with you and signs your orders, ask the judge or courtroom clerk when the orders will be available at the clerk's office.
- When the orders are ready, get at least 2 certified copies of each order. You
  might be able to get them before you leave the court on the day of the
  hearing. Some courts will make you pick them up from the clerk at some
  point after the day of the hearing.

# 8. After the hearing

After the hearing, give the certified copy of the order that quiets title to the DOL (http://www.dol.wa.gov/). Ask for a new title issued in your name. DOL will charge a fee for this.



## 9. Forms

Form attached:

Summons to Quiet Title to Vehicle or Manufactured Home (NJP Vehicle 150)

Form attached:

Complaint to Quiet Title to Vehicle or Manufactured Home (NJP Vehicle 151)

Form attached:

Proof of Personal Service (general civil) (NJP General 001)

Form attached:

Motion for Default (civil) (NJP General 051)

Form attached:

Order on Motion for Default (civil) (NJP General 052)

Form attached:

Order Quieting Title to Vehicle or Manufactured Home (NJP Vehicle 152)

Follow the general rules to format and fill out court documents.

# Tips for filling out the Summons (NJP Vehicle 150)

Fill out the blank spaces in the form headings (also called captions). Fill in the spaces for the name of the court (District or Superior), the county of the court, your name (Plaintiff), and the Defendant's name.

Don't fill in the case number. It looks like this: "No.\_\_\_\_\_\_". The court clerk will do this when you file your forms.

**Form section 1: To Defendant/s.** Put the Defendant's name. If the Defendant is a business, also check the box and put the business's registered agent.



If you're suing a business or corporation, you must list its correct name and **registered agent**. A registered agent is the person you must notify of the lawsuit. Use Washington's Secretary of State <u>Corporation</u> Search

(https://ccfs.sos.wa.gov/?\_gl=1\*1xo1m0o\*\_ga\*NDEwMTM5NDM0LjE2NzI5NTg5ODk.\*\_ga\_tool to find this information.

Form section 2: Notice. Put your name as Plaintiff.

At the end of the Summons, date, sign, and print your name. Put an address or email where you agree to accept legal documents for this case.

# Tips for filling out the Complaint to Quiet Title to Vehicle or Manufactured Home (NJP Vehicle 151)

Fill out the headings including the court name, county, Plaintiff and Defendant's names. Don't fill out the case number.

Fill out the blank spaces in the complaint and check the boxes that apply.

Give the information requested about the vehicle. The VIN is the vehicle identification number. It is on the vehicle's registration and dashboard. It can also be listed on the inside of the driver's door.

**Form section 3: Defendant/s.** If Defendant is a business, use Washington's Secretary of State Corporation Search (https://ccfs.sos.wa.gov/#/) tool to find the address and registered agent.

**Form section 5: Purchase.** Fill in the information about how much you bought the vehicle for and when the sale was. Check whether you paid cash (even in installments) or took out a loan which is now paid off.

If you have any documentation of your purchase or loan payoff, attach a copy of it to your complaint. Label any attachment as "Exhibit A",



"Exhibit B", and so on. Exhibits must be on letter sized (8.5 by 11 inches) white paper.

**Form section 6: Registration.** Attach a copy of your registration from DOL. Label the attachment as an Exhibit.

**Form section 7: Issues.** Check the box that applies. If Defendant went out of business, use Washington's Secretary of State <u>Corporation Search</u> (<a href="https://ccfs.sos.wa.gov/#/">https://ccfs.sos.wa.gov/#/</a>) tool to find out when this happened. The business's full listing includes the "inactive date." The business dissolved on that date. If you don't find it there, check these websites:

- Department of Revenue <u>business licensing</u> (https://secure.dor.wa.gov/gteunauth/\_/#1)
- Department of Financial Institutions (https://dfi.wa.gov/industry)
- Nationwide Multistate Licensing System (http://www.nmlsconsumeraccess.org/)

Form section 8: Attempts to contact Defendant. Put details about when and how you tried to contact Defendant about the title, if you ever reached them, and what happened if you did.

Form section 9: Need to sell or dispose of property. Check if you need to remove Defendant as the legal owner so you can sell or dispose of the property.

Sign, date, and fill out the bottom.

# Tips for filling out the Proof of Personal Service (NJP General 001)

Have your server fill out this form after they've served the other party. <u>Follow the</u> rules for personal service.

Check to be sure your server filled out the date of service, who the papers were delivered to, and how they were delivered. Also be sure the form lists all documents that were served. If your server leaves out a form, you won't have proof it was served

## Tips for filling out the Motion for Default (NJP General 051)



Fill out the heading including the court name, county, your name and the Defendant's name. Fill out the case number with the number that the clerk assigned to the complaint.

Form sections 1 – 6. Fill in the blanks and check the boxes that apply to your situation.

**Form section 7: Active duty military.** Put the information you learned from checking if Defendant is active duty military.

If the Defendant is active duty military, stop here. Talk to a lawyer.

Sign, date, and fill out the bottom.

# Tips for filling out the Order on Motion for Default (NJP General 052)

Fill out the **order** form the way you want the judge to sign it. This is a **proposed order** you'll ask the judge to sign at the hearing. If you're not sure about something in the order, leave it blank for the judge to complete.

Fill out the heading including the court name, county, your name and the Defendant's name. Fill out the case number with the number that the clerk assigned to the complaint.

Form sections 1 - 7. Fill in the blanks and check the boxes to match what you said in the Motion for Default.

Form sections 8 and 10. It's okay to leave these blank.

Form section 9: The Motion for Default is.... Check "Granted" and put Defendant's name.

**Don't date or sign this order by the judge's signature line**. The judge does that.

Sign and print your name at the end below "Presented by Plaintiff."



# Tips for filling out the Order Quieting Title to Vehicle or Manufactured Home (NJP Vehicle 152)

Fill out the heading including the court name, county, your name and the Defendant's name. Fill out the case number with the number that the clerk assigned to the complaint.

Fill out the **order** form the way you want the judge to sign it. This is a **proposed order** you'll ask the judge to sign at the hearing.

**Form section 2: Order.** Put your name, the vehicle description and VIN. Check if the property is a vehicle or manufactured home.

Don't date or sign this order by the judge's signature line. The judge does that.

Below "Parties or their lawyers fill out below", check on the left side that the order "is presented by me", then sign, print, and put the date you signed.

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	Court of Washing	gton, County of		
Plair	ntiff (person who started this case):	No.		
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Defe	endant/s ( <i>other parties</i> ):	(No mandatory form)		
•	and John Doe			
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	nis form together with a Complaint and proposed ownership when the registered owner is different to	Order (forms NJP Vehicle 151 and 152) to ask the court to from the legal owner on the title.		
1.	To Defendant/s (name/s):			
	□ through it's <b>registered agent</b> (nam (only if Defendant is a business)	e):		
	And to John Doe: any other person (na vehicle or manufactured home before t	me or address unknown) who held title to the he named Defendant/s or I had title.		
2.	Notice			
	Plaintiff (name): has started a lawsuit against you in the court named above. Plaintiff's claims are stated in the written Complaint you were served with this Summons.			
	defenses in writing and serving a copy served this Summons, excluding day of Washington State or in a jail, detention may be entered against you without no entitled to what they ask for because yo	nust respond to the Complaint by stating your upon Plaintiff within <b>20 days</b> after you were f service (60 days if you were served outside of or prison facility). Otherwise, a default judgment tice. A default judgment is when the Plaintiff is but have not responded. If you serve a notice of titled to notice before the court may default you.		
		response or notice of appearance you serve on after you were served this Summons (60 days if		

you were served outside of Washington State), excluding day of service.

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.

This summons is issued according to Rule 4 of the Civil Rules for Courts of Limited Jurisdiction (CRLJ 4) or the Superior Court Civil Rules (CR 4) of the State of Washington.

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		Manufactured Home		
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	and John Doe			
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	this form together with a Summons and proposed ownership when the registered owner is different	d Order (forms NJP Vehicle 150 and 152) to ask the court to t from the legal owner on the title.		
1.	Plaintiff			
	My name is			
	I live in (county):			
2.	Vehicle or Manufactured home (the	"property")		
	This case is about the following prope	rty:		
	Year, make and model:			
	VIN:			
	This property is a (check one):			
	□ Vehicle			
	☐ Manufactured home			
	I am the registered owner of this prope	erty and I should be the legal owner on the title.		
	I'm filing this case to quiet my title to the property against any and all adverse claims of title or interest according to state law, RCW 46.12.680.			

Defendant/s				
Defendant's name is				
Defendant's last known address is:				
Mailing address city state zip				
(Only if Defendant is a business) Defendant's last known registered agent is:				
Name:				
Mailing address city state zip				
Defendants also include John Doe: any other person (name or address unknown) who held title to the Property before the named Defendant/s or I had title.				
Authority (Jurisdiction and Venue)				
This court has jurisdiction over this case according to RCW 46.12.680(2)(b). This law says:				
"[a] person who is unable to provide satisfactory evidence of ownership may[p]etition any district court or superior court of any county in this state to receive a judgment awarding ownership of the vehicle."				
This court has jurisdiction over these parties and venue is proper according to RCW 4.12.010, RCW 3.66.020(11) and RCW 2.08.010 because the property is located in this county.				
Purchase				
I bought the property in (year): for (amount): \$				
Check one:				
☐ I paid the full amount in cash (all at once or in installments).				
☐ I borrowed money to buy the property. I fully paid off the loan.				
Registration (attach a copy)				
The property's vehicle title issued by the Washington State Department of Licensing names Defendant as the legal owner and me as registered owner.				
Issues				
Defendant (check all that apply):				
☐ Failed to file the bill of sale and transfer title.				
☐ Went out of business on ( <i>date, if known</i> ):				
☐ The attached report from the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) shows that Defendant is an inactive institution.				

			report from the Washington Sesolved their business on ( <i>date</i>		
			n and attach proof):		
	<u>-</u>				
	_				
8.	Attempt	ts to contact	Defendant		
			ndant to transfer the property ti opt. Add lines or attach pages i		nese attempts:
	Date	Time	How (phone, email, text, messaging app, letter, in-person)	Result (what happe	ened)
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9.		-	ose of property		
		s not apply.	anaga of the proporty but I com	o't de ee wetil Defe	ndontio romovod
		nt to sell or di ne legal owne	spose of the property but I car r on the title.	nt do so until Detel	ndant is removed
10.	Reques	t			
	all adve	rse claims, re	e an order confirming my clea moving all such adverse claim nst any and all such adverse c	is as clouds upon t	
			or any other relief the court dec		<b>)</b> .
Plai	ntiff fills ou	ıt below:			
			rjury under the laws of the stat	te of Washington tl	nat the facts I have
•		form are tru		Б.	
	ed at (city a	and state):		Date:	
<u>Plair</u>	ntiff signs h	ere	 Print nam	<u></u>	
	•		s for this case at ( <i>check all tha</i>	at apply):	
□ t	he following	g address ( <i>thi</i>	is does <b>not</b> have to be your ho	ome address):	
-	Street or ma	ailing address	city	sta	te zip
	Email:				

	Court of Washin	gton, County of	
In re	: ioner/s or Plaintiff/s:	NoProof of Person	nal Service
And _	Respondent/s or Defendant/s:	(No mandatory	form)
Serve	Proof of Pe	rsonal Servi	ce
1.	My name is:		I am <b>not</b> a party to this case.
2.	Personal Service. I served court docuserved):		,
	☐ Giving the documents directly to the	e person being ser	ved.
	☐ Giving the documents to (name): _ and discretion who lives at the same		
3.	Date, time, and place of service		
	Date:Time:		_ ( <i>check one</i> ) □ a.m. □ p.m.
	Place:		
	Street address	city	state zip

# 4. List all documents you served (check all that apply) (The most common documents are listed below. Check only those documents that were served. Use the "Other" box to write in the title of each document you served that is not already listed.) ☐ Petition to/for \_\_\_\_\_ ☐ Summons (attach a copy) □ Notice of Hearing (for date) \_\_\_\_\_ ☐ Motion for \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ ☐ Declaration of □ Subpoena □ Duces Tecum □ Order on/for: \_\_\_\_\_ □ Other: 5. Fees charged for service □ None □ Fees: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ + Mileage \$ \_\_\_\_ = Total: \$ \_\_\_\_ 6. Other information (if any) I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the state of Washington that the statements on this form are true. Signed at (city and state): \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_ Server signs here Print name

	Court of Washin	gton, County of
Pla	intiff:	No
		Motion for Default
		(MTDFL)
And	d Defendant:	(No mandatory form for civil cases)
	Motion	for Default
the L		ntion for Default (NJP General 052) to ask the court to find summons and complaint by the deadline. You must ask the x parte.
		on, you may use the Notice of Hearing form (NJP General m. Contact the court for scheduling information.
	<ul> <li>If you don't have to notify Defendant, you man Defendant there). Contact the Court Clerk's</li> </ul>	ay ask the court to sign the Order "ex parte" (without office for the procedure in your local court.
1.	My name is	. I am the Plaintiff in this
2.	Request	
	I ask the court to find the Defendant, ( in default, and to approve final orders because they have not filed an answe	in this case without the Defendant's participation
3.	Notice about the motion (check one)	
	☐ I must give Defendant a copy of th because 1 of these is true:	is motion and advance notice of the hearing
	<ul> <li>Defendant filed a Notice of App way.</li> </ul>	pearance or appeared in this case in some other
	<ul> <li>It's been more than 1 year sind Complaint.</li> </ul>	be Defendant was served with the Summons and

	I don't have to give Defendant a copy of this motion and advance notice of the hearing because all of these are true:
	<ul> <li>Defendant has not filed a Notice of Appearance,</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Defendant has not appeared in this case in any other way, AND</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Defendant was served with the Summons and Complaint less than 1 year ago.</li> </ul>
	Note: Even if you don't have to notify the Defendant, you may choose to do so.
4.	Service of Summons and Complaint
	Defendant was properly served on <i>(date)</i> : with a <i>Summons</i> and <i>Complaint</i> for this case and any other documents listed in the proof of service filed with the court.
	State (or foreign country) where Defendant was served:
	☐ (Check if not served in Washington) Defendant was served outside of Washington State because (explain):
5.	Timing and type of service
	Defendant was served with the Summons and Complaint by (check one):
	□ personal service in Washington State, at least 21 days ago.
	□ personal service outside of Washington State, at least 61 days ago.
	□ mail, at least 91 days ago.
	□ publication, at least 61 days ago.
<b>3</b> .	Correct Court (venue and jurisdiction)
	At the time this case was filed:
	Plaintiff lived in (county and state):
	Defendant lived or did business in (county and state):
	The Complaint describes how this court has jurisdiction over this case and the parties.
	□ Other (specify):
<b>.</b>	Active duty military (check one)
	□ Defendant is <b>not</b> on active duty military service covered by the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act (50 USC 3931). I know this because <i>(check all that apply):</i>
	☐ Defendant is a corporation, not a person.
	☐ The attached report from the Defense Manpower Data Center (DMDC) shows that Defendant is not an active duty servicemember. (To get the report, visit the Defense Manpower Data Center website at <a href="scra.dmdc.osd.mil">scra.dmdc.osd.mil</a> . You'll need their birth date or social security number to search this website.)

		I have personal knowled	dge that Defendant is not ac	ctive duty m	ilitary <i>(explain)</i>
		dant <b>is on active duty m</b> Act, but:	illitary service covered by	the Service	members Civil
	•	they are represented by	a lawyer in this case, AND		
	•	they have not filed an A	nswer, AND		
	•	the court has not grante	d a stay (or any stay previo	usly granted	d has ended).
			nt is on active duty military act. I did the following things		•
Person m	naking	this motion fills out belo	ow:		
		enalty of perjury under the form are true.	e laws of the state of Washi	ngton that t	he facts I have
Signed at	(city ar	nd state):	_	Date:	
•					
Person m	aking th	nis motion signs here	Print name here		
agree to	accept	legal papers for this case	e at (check all that apply):		
☐ the fol	lowing	address ( <i>this does <b>not</b> ha</i>	ave to be your home addres	rs):	
Street	or mail	ing address	city	state	zip
□ Email:					

		Court of Washingt	on, County of	
Plaintiff:			No	
			Order on Motion for Default ☐ ORDFL (Granted)	
Δnd	Def	endant:	☐ ORDYMT (Denied)	
7 tild Bolondant.			(No mandatory form for civil cas	ses)
-			Clerk's Action Required: 9	
		Order on M	otion for Default	
		rm together with a Motion for Default (NJP Ge respond to your summons and complaint by t		fendant in default
1.	The court has considered the <i>Motion for Default</i> filed by ( <i>name</i> )			
The	Cou	ırt Finds:		
2.	Re	esponse		
	De	efendant, ( <i>name</i> ):		, (check one):
		has <b>not</b> filed an answer to the Compa	<i>aint</i> in this case.	
		has filed an answer to the Complaint	in this case.	
3.	No	tice about the motion		
	De	fendant ( <i>check one</i> ):		
		is entitled to notice of the motion bec Summons and Complaint more than	• • •	ed with the
		☐ Notice was given. Defendant very notice of the hearing on (date		efault and
		☐ Notice was not given. The Mo	tion should be denied.	
		is <b>not</b> entitled to notice of the <i>Motion</i> of <i>Appearance</i> , have not appeared in with the <i>Summons</i> and <i>Complaint</i> less	this case in any other way, AND	

	<ul> <li>Notice was given even though it was not required. Defendant was served with the <i>Motion for Default</i> and notice of the hearing on (date):</li> </ul>
Se	rvice of Summons and Complaint (check one)
	Defendant was properly served on <i>(date)</i> : with a <i>Summons</i> and <i>Complaint</i> for this case and any other documents listed in the proof of service filed with the court.
	Valid proof of service has <b>not</b> been filed.
Tir	ming and type of service (check one)
	Defendant was served with the Summons and Complaint by (check one):
	□ personal service in Washington State, at least 21 days ago.
	□ personal service outside of Washington State, at least 61 days ago.
	□ mail, at least 91 days ago.
	□ publication, at least 61 days ago.
	Does not apply. No valid proof of service was filed.
Со	errect Court (venue and jurisdiction) (check one)
	A Washington court can decide this case because it has jurisdiction over the case and the parties. This case should be heard in this county court (venue is proper).
	Other (specify):
Ac	tive duty military (check one)
	Defendant is <b>not</b> on active duty military service covered by the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act (50 USC 3931).
	Defendant <b>is on active duty military service</b> covered by the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act. Defendant ( <i>check one</i> ):
	☐ may be defaulted because:
	<ul> <li>they are represented by a lawyer in this case, AND</li> </ul>
	<ul><li>they have not filed an Answer, AND</li></ul>
	<ul> <li>the court has not granted a stay (or any stay previously granted has ended).</li> </ul>
	☐ may <b>not</b> be defaulted at this time.
	•
	The court does not have enough information to find whether Defendant is covered by the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act.

# **The Court Orders:**

9.	Th	The Motion for Default is (check one):				
		<b>Granted.</b> Defendant, ( <i>r</i> is in default. The court to the defaulted party.		ers and hold hearings in this case without notice		
	☐ <b>Denied.</b> Defendant must still be given copies of documents filed and notice of hearings scheduled in this case.					
10.	Other orders (if any)					
	_					
Orde	red.					
			<u> </u>			
Date			Judge or C	Commissioner		
Prese	entec	d by Plaintiff				
<u> </u>						
Plain	tiff si	ign here		Print name		

	Court of Washin	gton, County of
Plaintiff (person who started this case):		No
_		Order Quieting Title to Vehicle or
		Manufactured Home
Defe	endant/s (other parties):	(No mandatory form)
	and John Doe	
	Order Quieting Title to Ve	hicle or Manufactured Home
	•	nt (forms NJP Vehicle 150 and 151) to ask the court to clarify
1.		et title to a vehicle or manufactured home. The d pleadings, response of Defendant/s, if any, and ecording to RCW 46.12.680.
2.	Order. (Name):title to the following property:	is awarded
	Year, make and model:	
	VIN:	
	This property is a (check one):	
	☐ Vehicle	
	☐ Manufactured home	
	The Department of Licensing shall issulegal owner.	ue a new title naming this person as the property's
Orde	red.	
	<b>)</b>	
Date	Judge or	Commissioner
DCW	AC 40 COO	Title to Vehicle on AM-ship and and India

# Parties or their lawyers fill out below. This order (check any that apply): ☐ is an agreement of the parties ☐ is presented by me ☐ may be signed by the court without notice to me Plaintiff signs here or lawyer + WSBA # Print Name This order (check any that apply): ☐ is an agreement of the parties ☐ is presented by me ☐ may be signed by the court without notice to me Defendant signs here or lawyer + WSBA #