

Snohomish County Superior Court

Local Court Rules - Change

Permanent Rule Effective September 1, 2009

PART III. CIVIL RULES (SCLCR)

VI. TRIALS (RULES 38-53.2)

RULE 41. DISMISSAL OF ACTIONS

(g.) Request for Inactive Case Status.

(1) *How Made.* In civil cases where a point of stability has been reached such that there will be no need for further litigation, but where it may not be in the interests of the parties or of justice to dismiss the case; any party may file a motion requesting that the case be removed from the active pending caseload of the court to an inactive status.

(2) *Form and Scheduling of Motion.* Such motion for inactive case status shall be set on the civil motions calendar of the court commissioner and shall be made pursuant to SCLCR 7.

(3) *Placement in Inactive Case Status.* Placement in an inactive case status under this rule shall be by order of the court. A case in an inactive case status shall not be subject to notice of clerk's dismissal. Every five years following placement in inactive case status, the clerk will notify all parties that unless requested otherwise by the parties, the court will order the case to be removed from inactive status. A motion for extension of the inactive status shall be made in the same manner as set forth for the initial motion for inactive status pursuant to SCLCR 7.

(4) *Removal from Inactive Case Status.* A case placed in inactive case status under this rule may not be removed from this status except upon order of the court or upon notice by the parties that the case has been disposed. Any party may file a motion requesting that a case be removed from inactive status. Such motion shall be set on the civil motions calendar of the Court Commissioner.

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