

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF
WASHINGTON

Sheila Marino, an individual, on behalf of herself and all others
similarly situated v. Farmers New World Life Insurance Company;
and Does 1 through 10, inclusive

Marino · No. 2:25-cv-02200-JNW · Decided January 12, 2026

SUMMARY

This document is a stipulated motion by Sheila Marino and Farmers New World Life Insurance Company to stay discovery and initial case deadlines pending resolution of the defendant’s motion to dismiss. The United States District Court for the Western District of Washington granted the motion and ordered discovery and the initial scheduling deadlines stayed on January 12, 2026.

CASE DETAILS

COURT	United States District Court for the Western District of Washington
WRITING FOR THE COURT	Jamal N. Whitehead
JURISDICTION	United States District Court for the Western District of Washington
DECIDED	January 12, 2026
DOCKET	2:25-cv-02200-JNW
DISPOSITION	other
PROCEDURAL POSTURE	Plaintiff filed a putative class action in King County Superior Court. Defendant removed the action to federal court and moved to dismiss. Before the motion to dismiss was resolved, the parties jointly moved to stay discovery and the initial scheduling deadlines.
PRECEDENTIAL VALUE	nonprecedential

TOPICS

- discovery dispute
- motions to dismiss
- civil procedure
- insurance

PRACTICE AREAS

- civil procedure
- insurance

QUESTIONS PRESENTED

1. Whether the court should stay discovery and the initial scheduling deadlines pending resolution of the defendant's motion to dismiss.

HOLDINGS

1. The court granted the stipulated motion and stayed discovery and the initial deadlines contained in the Initial Scheduling Order pending the outcome of the court's order on the defendant's motion to dismiss.

KEY QUOTATIONS

“[T]he power to stay proceedings is incidental to the power inherent in every court to control the disposition of the causes on its docket with economy of time and effort for itself, for counsel, and for litigants.” (at 2)

“IT IS SO ORDERED that discovery and the initial deadlines contained within the Initial Scheduling Order be stayed pending the outcome of the Court’s Order on Defendant’s Motion to Dismiss.” (at 4)

FACTUAL BACKGROUND

Sheila Marino filed a putative class action against Farmers New World Life Insurance Company in state court. After removal to federal court, Farmers moved to dismiss. The parties agreed that discovery and the initial deadlines should be stayed while the motion to dismiss remained pending, citing judicial economy and preservation of party and judicial resources.

PROCEDURAL HISTORY

Plaintiff filed the action in King County Superior Court on October 1, 2025. Defendant removed the case on November 5, 2025, moved to dismiss on November 20, 2025, and the court issued an initial scheduling order on December 5, 2025. The parties then filed a stipulated motion to stay discovery and the scheduling deadlines pending resolution of the motion to dismiss, which the court granted on January 12, 2026.

DISPOSITION

other

CASES CITED

- Landis v. North American Water Works & Electric Co., 299 U.S. 248, 254 (1936)