

Proposed Amendments to Rule 21

Rule 21 is amended as follows:

Rule 21. Misjoinder and ~~Non-joinder~~ **Nonjoinder** of Parties

Misjoinder of parties is not ~~a~~ ground for dismissal of ~~an~~ **dismissing** an action. ~~Parties may be dropped or added by order of the court on~~ **On** motion of any party or on its own initiative at any stage of the action and on such terms as are just. ~~Any,~~ **the court may at any time, on just terms, add or drop a party. The court may also sever any** claim against a party ~~may be severed and proceeded with separately.~~

(As amended, July 28, 1988, eff. Nov. 1, 1988; _____, 2009, eff. _____, 2010.)

Advisory Committee Note

The language of Rule 21 has been amended as part of the general restyling of these rules to make them more easily understood and to make style and terminology consistent throughout the rules. The changes are intended to be stylistic only.