

Proposed Amendment to Rule 15

Rule 15 is amended as follows:

Rule 15. Amended and Supplemental Pleadings

(a) Amendments Before Trial.

(1) Amending as a Matter of Course. A party may amend its pleading once as a matter of course ~~within~~ **no later than**:

- (A) 21 days after serving it, or
- (B) if the pleading is one to which a responsive pleading is required, 21 days after service of a responsive pleading or 21 days after service of a motion under Rule 12(b), (e), or (f), whichever is earlier.

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(As amended, eff. Jan. 1, 1982; July 28, 1988, eff. Nov. 1, 1988; Sept. 25, 1992, eff. Jan. 1, 1993; Nov. 25, 2008, eff. Jan. 1, 2009; Dec. 7, 2010, eff. Jan. 1, 2011; Mar. 23, 2021, eff. May 3, 2021; , eff. .)

Advisory Committee Note

The proposed amendment to Rule 15(a)(1) would bring the Court's rule into compliance with the current version of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure by changing the word "within" to "no later than."