

AMENDMENTS

TO ORCP 23

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RULE 23

AMENDED AND SUPPLEMENTAL PLEADINGS

A. Amendments. A pleading may be amended by a party once as a matter of course at any time before a responsive pleading is served or, if the pleading is one to which no responsive pleading is permitted, the party may so amend it at any time within 20 days after it is served. Otherwise a party may amend the pleading only by leave of court or by written consent of the adverse party; and leave shall be freely given when justice so requires. Whenever an amended pleading is filed, it shall be served upon all parties who are not in default, but as to all parties who are in default or against whom a default previously has been entered, judgment may be rendered in accordance with the prayer of the original pleading served upon them; and neither the amended pleading nor the process thereon need be served upon such parties in default unless the amended pleading asks for additional relief against the parties in default.

B. Amendments to conform to the evidence. When issues not raised by the pleadings are tried by express or implied consent of the parties, they shall be treated in all respects as if they had been raised in the pleadings. Such amendment of the pleadings as may be necessary to cause them to conform to the evidence and to raise these issues may be made upon motion of any party at any time, even after judgment; but failure so to amend does not affect the result of the trial of these issues.

If evidence is objected to at the trial on the ground that it is not within the issues made by the pleadings, the court may allow the pleadings to be amended and shall do so freely when the presentation of the merits of the action will be subserved thereby and the objecting party fails to satisfy the court that the admission of such evidence would prejudice such party in maintaining an action or defense upon the merits. The court may grant a continuance to enable the objecting party to meet such evidence.

C. Relation back of amendments. Whenever the claim or defense asserted in the amended pleading arose out of the conduct, transaction, or occurrence set forth or attempted to be set forth in the original pleading, the amendment relates back to the date of the original pleading. An amendment changing the party against whom a claim is asserted relates back if the foregoing provision is satisfied and, within the period provided by law for commencing the action against the party to be brought in by amendment, such party (1) has received such notice of the institution of the action that the party will not be prejudiced in maintaining any defense on the merits, and (2) knew or should have known that, but for a mistake concerning the identity of the proper party, the action would have been brought against the party brought in by amendment.

D. Amendment or pleading over after motion. When a motion to dismiss or a motion to strike an entire pleading or a motion for a judgment on the pleadings under Rule 21 is allowed, the

court may, upon such terms as may be proper, allow the party to file an amended pleading. If an amended pleading is filed, the party filing the motion does not waive any defenses or objections asserted against the original pleading by filing a responsive pleading or failing to reassert the defenses or objections. If any motion is disallowed, the party filing the motion shall file a responsive pleading if any is required. By filing any amended pleading pursuant to this section, the party filing such amended pleading shall not be deemed thereby to have waived the right to challenge the correctness of the court's ruling.

E. Amended pleading where part of pleading stricken. In all cases where part of a pleading is ordered stricken, the court, in its discretion, may require that an amended pleading be filed omitting the matter ordered stricken. If an amended pleading is filed, the party filing the motion to strike does not waive any defense or objection asserted against the original pleading by filing a responsive pleading or failing to reassert the defense or objection. By complying with the court's order, the party filing such amended pleading shall not be deemed thereby to have waived the right to challenge the correctness of the court's ruling upon the motion to strike.

F. How amendment made. When any pleading is amended before trial, mere clerical errors excepted, it shall be done by filing a new pleading, to be called the amended pleading, or by interlineation, deletion, or otherwise. Such amended pleading

shall be complete in itself, without reference to the original or any preceding amended one.

G. Supplemental pleadings. Upon motion of a party the court may, upon reasonable notice and upon such terms as are just, permit the party to serve a supplemental pleading setting forth transactions or occurrences or events which have happened since the date of the pleading sought to be supplemented. Permission may be granted even though the original pleading is defective in its statement of a claim for relief or defense. If the court deems it advisable that the adverse party plead to the supplemental pleading, it shall so order, specifying the time therefor.

COMMENT

For time for filing and responding to amended pleadings, see ORCP 15.

This is a combination of Federal Rule 15 and existing ORS sections. Section 23 A. is based upon Federal Rule 15(a) and ORS 16.430. Section B. is based on Federal Rule 15(b). Section C. is based on Federal Rule 15(c). Section D. is based upon ORS 16.380 and 16.400; note, the court is specially authorized to grant a motion for a judgment on the pleadings but to allow repleading rather than enter a judgment. Section E. is based upon ORS 16.400. Section F. is based upon ORS 16.410, and Section G. is based upon ORS 16.360 and Federal Rule 15(d).

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The wording of section 23 B. relating to amendments after the commencement of trial was changed slightly to give the trial judge more discretion in determining whether an amendment should be allowed under all of the circumstances. Some trial judges asserted that with the language that was removed, they would always have to allow amendment, no matter what circumstances were involved.

Sections D. and E. are replaced by ORCP 25.