

**IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF ALASKA**  
**ORDER NO. 1571**

Amending Civil Rule 15(c) concerning  
Relation Back of Amendments

**IT IS ORDERED:**

Civil Rule 15(c) is amended to read as follows:

**Rule 15. Amended and Supplemental Pleadings**

(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 Rule 4(j) for service of the summons and complaint, law ~~for commencing the action against the party to be brought in by amendment,~~ that party (1) has received such notice of the institution of the action that the party will not be prejudiced in maintaining a 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.

DATED: April 21, 2005

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 15, 2005

/s/  
Chief Justice Bryner

/s/  
Justice Matthews

/s/  
Justice Eastaugh

/s/  
Justice Fabe

/s/  
Justice Carpeneti