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**RULES OF SUPREME COURT OF VIRGINIA
PART THREE
PRACTICE AND PROCEDURE IN CIVIL ACTIONS**

Rule 3:16. New Parties.

A new party may be added, on motion of the plaintiff by order of the court at any stage of the case as the ends of justice may require. The motion, accompanied by ~~an~~a properly executed proposed amended complaint, shall be served on the existing parties as required by Rule 1:12. If the motion is granted, the amended ~~complaint~~pleading accompanying the motion shall be deemed filed in the clerk's office as of the date of the court's order permitting such amendment and all the provisions of Rule 3:4 shall apply as to the new parties, but no writ tax, clerk's fee or deposit for costs is required. All defendants shall file pleadings in response thereto as required by these Rules unless otherwise ordered by the court.