

**156.** Where a defendant by virtue of any statute enabling him so to do pleads not guilty by statute he shall in his defence refer to the statute giving the right so to plead, and also to all statutes upon which he relies, giving chapter and section in every such reference, and if so required shall deliver particulars of his defence. C.R. 286 and 287, *amended*.

**157.** A subsequent pleading shall not raise any new ground of claim or contain any allegation of fact inconsistent with the previous pleadings of the party pleading the same. C.R. 288.

**158.** In actions for libel or slander, in which the defendant does not by his defence assert the truth of the statement complained of, he shall not be entitled on the trial to give evidence in chief, with a view to mitigation of damages, as to the circumstances under which the libel or slander was published, or as to the character of the plaintiff, without the leave of the presiding Judge, unless in his pleading or by notice given seven days at least before the trial he furnishes particulars in writing to the plaintiff of the matters as to which he intends to give evidence. C.R. 488, *amended*.

**159.** A ground of defence or counter-claim which has arisen after action, but before the defendant has delivered his statement of defence, may be pleaded either alone or with other grounds of defence. C.R. 289.

**160.** If, after a counter-claim has been delivered, a ground of defence thereto arises it may be pleaded in answer thereto. C.R. 290.

**161.** Where a ground of defence or counter-claim arises after the delivery of the statement of defence or counter-claim, the defendant may within ten days after such ground of defence or counter-claim has arisen, deliver a further defence or counter-claim, setting forth the same, or introduce the same by amendment into his statement of defence or counter-claim. C.R. 291.

**162.** Where a ground of defence to any counter-claim arises after the delivery of the defence thereto the defendant to the counter-claim may within 10 days after such ground of defence has arisen, deliver a further pleading setting forth the same, or may set up such new ground of defence by amendment. C.R. 292.

**163.** Any such amendment may be made on *præcipe*, C.R. 293, *amended*.