

Local Rule of Bankruptcy Procedure 1015. CONSOLIDATION OR JOINT ADMINISTRATION OF CASES PENDING IN SAME COURT.

(a) Related Debtors

When a joint administration or consolidation motion is filed, the bankruptcy judge with the lowest case filing number determines the motion.

(b) Husband and Wife

When a husband and wife file a joint petition, the Court deems the joint petition an order directing joint administration, unless the Court orders otherwise based on a party in interest's motion.

(c) Related Entities

A motion requesting joint administration of two or more pending bankruptcy cases must:

- i. contain the name and case number of cases sought to be jointly administered;
- ii. address whether the practicalities of providing professional services to the jointly-administered estates preclude any professional person from effectively or accurately separating the services rendered solely for the benefit of one bankruptcy estate vis-a-vis another, thus justifying the submission of a consolidated application for compensation to be filed solely in the main case, accompanied by a proposal for proper apportionment of accumulated fees and expenses between/among the respective bankruptcy estates, subject to the right of any party-in-interest to object to the proposed apportionment;
- iii. identify any existing administrative or scheduling order which might require modification; and
- iv. attach a proposed consolidated master mailing list (matrix) in the affected cases for future noticing requirements.