

Rule 1015-1: Consolidation or Joint Administration of Cases

(a) Related Cases. Whenever more than one bankruptcy case is filed or pending in which the debtor entities are related or the cases are otherwise related, counsel may file a motion to transfer the assignment of the cases to a single judge. The motion shall specify the reasons for having the related cases heard by one judge. The motion to transfer the assignment shall be filed in the lower numbered case only. It shall identify the other cases to be assigned by case name and number in the body of the motion. The judge assigned the lower numbered case will rule on the motion.

(b) Joint Administration/Substantive Consolidation. A motion for joint administration or for substantive consolidation shall include therein a motion to transfer the assignment of the cases to be jointly administered or substantively consolidated if those cases are not all assigned to one judge. If joint administration is ordered, any filing thereafter shall designate if such filing applies to all debtors or a specific debtor. If substantive consolidation is ordered, any filing shall be made in the designated remaining case.

(c) Filings after Joint Administration. All pleadings shall be filed in the designated lead case except proofs of claims or interests and Monthly Operating Reports, which should be filed in the case to which such items are related.

Committee Notes 2014: Clarifies filing procedures in jointly administered and substantively consolidated cases.