

1 **Rule 2012. Substitution of Trustee or Successor**

2 **Trustee; Accounting**

3 (a) TRUSTEE. If a trustee is appointed in a chapter  
4 11 case (other than under subchapter V), or the debtor is  
5 removed as debtor in possession in a chapter 12 case or in a  
6 case under subchapter V of chapter 11, the trustee is  
7 substituted automatically for the debtor in possession as a  
8 party in any pending action, proceeding, or matter.

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**Committee Note**

The rule is amended in response to the enactment of the Small Business Reorganization Act of 2019, Pub. L. No. 116-54, 133 Stat. 1079. That law gives a small business debtor the option of electing to be a debtor under subchapter V of chapter 11. Subdivision (a) of the rule is amended to include any case under that subchapter in which the debtor is removed as debtor in possession under § 1185 of the Code.