

Rule 1015-1

JOINT ADMINISTRATION OF CASES

(a) **Joint Voluntary Petition by Married Couple.** If a married couple files a joint voluntary petition, the trustee shall administer the estates jointly without order of the Court. If the trustee, a debtor, or any other party in interest desires that the trustee administer the estates separately, that party may move for an order of separate administration.

(b) **Joint Administration Generally.** Except in the case of a joint voluntary petition by a married couple, a party seeking joint administration shall file a motion for joint administration. A motion for joint administration filed in a Chapter 11 case may be considered with or without a hearing at the Court’s discretion.

(c) **Manner of Joint Administration.** Jointly administered cases shall be administered as follows:

(1) **Designation of Lead Case.** The earliest filed case assigned to a judge shall be designated in the joint administration order as the “lead case,” except as otherwise ordered by the Court.

(2) **Captions.** All papers shall be captioned with the name and case number of the lead case name followed by the words (“Jointly Administered with”) beneath the case number, and shall include the case names and numbers of each case that is subject to joint administration, unless otherwise ordered. However, a proof of claim shall indicate only the case name and number of the case in which the claim is filed. The caption shall not use the word “Consolidated” to refer to joint administration.

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
MIDDLE DISTRICT OF FLORIDA
DIVISION

In re:

ABC Company, Inc.,

Chapter 11
Case No. 8:12-bk-00001-XXX

Jointly Administered with

ABC Holding Co.

Case No. 8:12-bk-00002-XXX

ABC Operating Co.

Case No. 8:12-bk-00003-XXX

Debtors.

_____ /

(3) **Docket.** With such exceptions as may be determined by the Court, a single case docket shall be maintained after the entry of the order for joint administration under the case number of the case designated in the joint administration order as the lead case.

(4) **Claims.** A separate claims register shall be maintained for each case. A separate claim must be filed in each jointly administered case in which a creditor asserts a claim.

(5) **Monthly Operating Reports.** In Chapter 11 cases, unless otherwise ordered, a separate Monthly Operating Report shall be filed for each of the jointly administered cases. The Monthly Reports shall be filed in the lead case.

(d) **Severance of Jointly Administered Cases.** If at any time, the trustee, a debtor, or any other party in interest desires that jointly administered cases be administered separately, that party may move for an order to sever the joint administration.

Notes of Advisory Committee

2016 Amendment

Paragraphs (a) and (b) of this Local Rule are amended to clarify that a joint petition by a married couple must be a voluntary petition.

2013 Amendment

This amendment clarifies the requirement that Monthly Operating Reports be filed in the lead case and adds subsection (d) to permit the severance of jointly administered cases.

This amendment is effective July 1, 2013.

2012 Amendment

This amendment establishes procedures for the joint administration of estates of persons other than married petitioners. The term “husband and wife” has been changed to “married couple.” The addition of headings and subheadings is a stylistic rather than substantive change.

This amendment is effective March 15, 2012.

1997 Amendment

This amendment conforms the existing Local Rules to the uniform numbering system prescribed by the Judicial Conference of the United States and to the model system suggested and approved by the Advisory Committee on Bankruptcy Rules of the Judicial Conference’s Committee on Rules of Practice and Procedure. In renumbering the Local Rules to conform to the uniform numbering system, no change in substance is intended. This amendment was effective on April 15, 1997. This rule was formerly Local Rule 2.05. The Advisory Committee Notes to the superseded rules may be helpful in interpreting and applying the current rules.

1995 Amendment

New subparagraph (c) to Local Rule 2.04 adds a requirement that individuals in bankruptcy cases who are not represented by an attorney are required to file with the petition an executed statement of assistance received in connection with the filing of the case in a form available from the Clerk's Office.

These amendments were effective on February 15, 1995.