**1015–2 RELATED CASES**

**(a) Definition.** If venue is otherwise proper in the Southern District of Ohio, a petition

involving a prior voluntary or involuntary related case shall be filed at the court location

where the first related case was filed. Related cases include cases in which the debtors are:

 **(1)** Identical individuals or entities, including DBAs, FDBAs;

 **(2)** Identical business entities;

 **(3)** A corporation/limited liability company and any major shareholder/member

 thereof (see §§ 101(2), (9) and (31) of the Code);

 **(4)** Affiliates (see § 101(2) of the Code);

 **(5)** A partnership and any of its general partners;

 **(6)** An individual and his or her general partner or partners;

 **(7)** An individual and his or her spouse or former spouse; or

 **(8)** Entities having substantial identity of financial interests or assets.

**(b) LBR Form 1015-2 Required.** In a voluntary case, for the purpose of disclosing

certain prior, related bankruptcy filings, the debtor shall file LBR Form 1015-2 with the

petition.

**(c) Assignment of Related Cases by Clerk.** When the petition or an LBR Form 1015–2

discloses that a related case is or was pending in this district, the newly–filed case shall be

assigned by the clerk to the judge to whom the related case was most recently assigned.

**(d) Reassignment of Cases.**

 **(1) By the Court.** The judge before whom a later–filed case is pending may, with

 or without motion, notice or hearing, order the reassignment of such case to the judge

 before whom a prior related case is or was pending. The judge before whom a prior

 case is pending or was pending may, with or without motion, notice, or hearing, order the reassignment to his or her docket of a later–filed case pending before another

 judge. The judges to whom related cases have been assigned may, by mutual

 consent, order the assignment of a prior related case to the judge to whom a later–

 filed case has been assigned for good cause based upon the convenience of the parties

 or when justice requires.

 **(2) Judicial Concurrence Required.** Any reassignment of a case pursuant to (1)

 above shall require the concurrence of the judges to whom and from whom such case

 is to be reassigned.

 **(3) By Motion.** A motion requesting reassignment or consolidation of related

 cases or adversary proceedings shall be made to the judge to whom the prior case is

 or was assigned.