**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.