

**UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
DISTRICT OF NEW JERSEY**

**GENERAL ORDER CONCERNING PROPOSED
D.N.J. LBR 1015-1, JOINT ADMINISTRATION OF CASES**

The Court having determined the need for a Local Rule concerning the joint administration of cases, it is hereby:

ORDERED that pending formal adoption of proposed D.N.J. LBR 1015-1, *Joint Administration of Cases* under the Court's Annual Rule Making Cycle, a petition filed by an individual debtor may not be amended at a later time to add a spouse as a joint debtor. The spouse may file a separate voluntary petition, and move for joint administration of the cases.

The provisions of this General Order are effective immediately.

Date: January 27, 2016

/s/ Kathryn C. Ferguson
HON. KATHRYN C. FERGUSON
CHIEF JUDGE,
UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
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