

D.N.J. LBR 1002-1 PETITION - GENERAL

- (a) *Content.* In addition to the requirements of the Code, Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure and Official Forms, every voluntary and, to the extent possible, involuntary petition shall contain the following information:
- (1) The correct name, complete street address, city, state, and zip code of the debtor. The address stated on the petition shall be the actual location of the debtor's residence or principal place of business.
 - (2) In an individual petition, the correct full first, middle, and last name and the last four digits of the social security number of the debtor.
 - (3) In a business petition, the employer's identification number of the debtor.
 - (4) In a corporate petition, the signature of an officer or other authorized representative of the corporation.
 - (5) In a corporate petition, a copy of the corporate resolution authorizing the filing.
- (b) *Involuntary Petitions.* In involuntary petitions, the above subdivisions (a) (1) through (3) apply.

1997 Comment: Subpart (a)(1) through (a)(7) is the former Local Rule 2(b)(1)(A) through (G); Subpart (b) is the former Local Rule 2(b)(2).

2003 Comment: Subpart (a)(7) is deleted as duplicative of Fed. R. Bankr. P. 1008.

2004 Comment: Subpart (a)(2) is amended to require the last four digits of a debtor's social security number on an individual petition, in accordance with the amendments to the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure and Official Forms which became effective December 1, 2003, implementing the Judicial Conference's policy on privacy and public access to case files. Pursuant to the amendment to Fed. R. Bankr. P. 1007(f) an individual debtor must submit a verified statement that sets out the debtor's full social security number, or states that the debtor does not have a social security number. The statement is submitted, in accordance with instructions posted to the Court's website, but it is not filed in the case, and does not become a part of the Court record. Per the national rule amendment, the statement provides the information necessary to include on the service copy of the notice required under Rule 2002(a)(1). The corresponding amendment to Fed. R. Bankr.P. 1005 now provides that the caption of the petition include only the last four digits of the social security number.

2009 Comment: Subpart (a)(6) has been eliminated to conform with the deletion of Fed. R. Bankr. P. 1004(a).

Reference: 28 U.S.C. § 1930(a) Bankruptcy fees; 11 U.S.C. § 301 Voluntary cases; 11 U.S.C. § 302 Joint Cases; 11 U.S.C. § 303 Involuntary cases; Fed. R. Bankr. P. 1003 Involuntary Petition; Fed. R. Bankr. P. 1004 Partnership Petition; Fed. R. Bankr. P. 1005 Caption of Petition; Fed. R. Bankr.P. 1007 Lists, Schedules and Statements, Time Limits; Fed. R. Bankr. P. 1008 Verification of Petitions and Accompanying Papers; Fed. R. Bankr. P. 9011 Signing and Verification of Orders; [Official Form 1](#).