

## **D.N.J. LBR 1015-1. Joint Administration**

A petition initially filed by an individual debtor may not be amended to add a spouse as a joint debtor. The spouse may file a separate voluntary petition, and move for joint administration of the cases.

### 2025 Comment

For the joint administration of Chapter 11 Complex Cases, parties are directed to *General Order Governing Chapter 11 Complex Case Procedures*.

### 2016 Comment

This Rule is new. It clarifies that a voluntary petition filed by a debtor may not be amended to add a spouse. The spouse must file a separate voluntary petition, and move for joint administration of the cases under Bankruptcy Rule 1015(b). This Rule does not preclude the filing of a joint petition.