

Rule 1002-1 Commencement of Case.

- (a) Petition Requirements. All petitions must comply with the Code, the Fed. R. Bankr. P., these Local Rules, the Clerk’s Office Procedures, and the applicable Official Form.
- (b) Voluntary Petition by Nonindividual. A voluntary petition filed by a nonindividual debtor must be (i) signed by counsel admitted to practice in the District Court and (ii) accompanied by evidence that the filing was authorized as required under applicable law.
- (c) Advance Notice to the Clerk and U.S. Trustee of Filing a Chapter 11 or Chapter 15 Petition. Except in exigent circumstances, counsel for the debtor or foreign representative must contact the U.S. Trustee and the Clerk at least 2 business days before filing a petition to advise of the anticipated filing—without disclosing the identity of the debtor—and any immediate relief the debtor or foreign representative may seek.