

LOCAL RULE 1073-1: ASSIGNMENT OF CASES

- (a) **Manual Assignment of Certain Cases.** The filing party shall not use the “Judge/Trustee Assignment” feature in CM/ECF in the following categories of cases:
- (1) A chapter 11 case in which there is a motion to designate the case as a complex chapter 11 case pursuant to SC LBR 2081-2;
 - (2) A chapter 11 case or group of related chapter 11 cases in which scheduled assets total \$20 million or more;
 - (3) A chapter 11 case in which the filing party believes that the case will require significantly more court time than is customary in the early stages of a chapter 11 case;
 - (4) Any involuntary case;
 - (5) Any chapter 15 or chapter 9 case;
 - (6) Any chapter 11 or chapter 12 cases re-filed within one year of the closure or dismissal of the previous case, whichever is later;
 - (7) Any chapter 7, chapter 11, or chapter 12 cases that relate to a chapter 7, chapter 11, or chapter 12 case currently pending or that was pending within one year prior to the current case; or
 - (8) Cases under any chapter where there is a simultaneous case pending by the same debtor.
- (b) **Certification Regarding Judge Assignment.** The filing party of any case described in paragraph (a) shall file a “Certification Regarding Judge Assignment” in CM/ECF simultaneous with the filing of the case. For any case described in paragraph (a), the Clerk of Court shall make the judge assignment, notify filing counsel of the assignment, and note the assignment on the court docket in an expeditious fashion.
- (c) **Effect of Common Assignment.** The common assignment of related cases shall not constitute consolidation or joint administration pursuant to Fed. R. Bankr. P. 1015 nor shall it constitute substantive consolidation. Such a determination shall be made only upon proper motion and notice.
- (d) **Failure to Comply.** Failure to comply with this Rule may result in the subsequent reassignment of the case(s) or other appropriate relief.