

**Rule 1002-1      Commencement of Case.**

- (a) Petitions - Generally. All petitions shall be in compliance with the requirements set forth in the Clerk's Office Procedures, the Code, the Fed. R. Bankr. P. and their official forms ("Official Form") and these Local Rules.
  
- (b) Petitions by Non-Individuals. Any petitioner other than an individual shall be represented by counsel admitted to practice in the District Court. In a voluntary case filed for a non-individual debtor, there shall be filed on the petition date a resolution or other document authorizing the commencement of the bankruptcy case executed or otherwise approved by the person, entity, or governing body, as applicable, whose approval is required for the commencement of a bankruptcy case under applicable law.
  
- (c) Notice Regarding Filing of a Chapter 11 or Chapter 15 Petition. Unless there are exigent circumstances, counsel for the debtor or foreign representative, as applicable, shall contact the United States Trustee and the Clerk at least two (2) business days prior to filing a voluntary petition for relief under chapter 11 or chapter 15 of the Bankruptcy Code, for the purpose of advising the United States Trustee and the Clerk of the anticipated filing of the petition (without disclosing the identity of the debtor) and the matters on which the debtor intends to seek immediate relief. Counsel shall also comply with the noticing provisions set forth in Local Rule 9013-1(m)(iii).