

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA  
\_\_\_\_\_ DIVISION

In re:

DEBTOR'S NAME,

Case No. xx-xxxxx-xxx

Debtor.

Chapter 7

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**ORDER JOINTLY ADMINISTERING CHAPTER 7 CASES**

This case came before the Court for a hearing on [date], on the [movant]'s motion under Fed. R. Bankr. P. 1015(b) seeking joint administration of the following chapter 7 cases:<sup>1</sup>

[list cases for which joint administration is sought]

Upon consideration of the motion, the [affidavit, declaration, or verification] establishing that joint administration of the cases is warranted and will ease the administrative burden for the Court, and the record in this case, it is

**ORDERED** that:

1. The motion is **GRANTED**.

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<sup>1</sup> Dkt. No. \_\_\_\_.

2. The chapter 7 cases listed above are jointly administered under the lead case [name and case number of case with the lowest case number] (the “Lead Case”).
3. Each chapter 7 case listed above that was not originally assigned to the judge to whom the Lead Case has been assigned is **TRANSFERRED** to the judge to whom the Lead Case has been assigned.
4. Except as set forth in paragraph 6, all documents filed in these jointly administered cases must be filed in the Lead Case, with the following caption:

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA  
\_\_\_\_\_ DIVISION

In re:

[LEAD DEBTOR’S NAME], *et al.*,<sup>1</sup>

[Lead Case No. xx-xxxxx-xxx]

Debtors.

Chapter 7 (Jointly Administered)

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<sup>1</sup> The debtors in these chapter 7 cases, along with the last four digits of each debtor’s federal tax identification number, as applicable, are: [debtor name (xxxx)], [debtor name (xxxx)], and [debtor name (xxxx)]. The debtors’ mailing and service address is [street], [city], [state], [ZIP code].

5. The Clerk of Court is directed to enter the following notation on the docket in each debtor’s chapter 7 case other than the Lead Case:

An order has been entered directing the joint administration of this chapter 7 case under the lead case [LEAD DEBTOR’S NAME, *et al.*, Lead Case No. xx-xxxxx-xxx]. See the docket in Case No. [Lead Case No.] for all matters affecting this case.

6. Unless otherwise ordered, notwithstanding the joint administration of these cases, the following must be filed only in the applicable debtor’s chapter 7 case:
  - a. each debtor’s schedules and statement of financial affairs (including any amendments);
  - b. all trustee interim and final reports; and
  - c. all proofs of claim.

7. This order is entered solely to jointly administer these chapter 7 cases. This order does not constitute or direct the substantive consolidation of any of these cases, the debtors, or their estates.

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Submitted by:

[Submitting attorney name]

[Law firm name]

[Mailing address]

[Phone number]

[Email address]

*[Submitting attorney] must serve a copy of this order on all creditors, all indenture trustees, and the United States trustee, and file a certificate of service as required by Local Rule 9036-2.*