

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA

In re: **RELATED CASES**

STANDING ORDER NO. 2007-1

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the following applies to related cases:

(a) **Defined.** Related cases are cases where assignment to a single judge would promote efficient administration of the estates or avoid conflicting or inconsistent rulings. Related cases include:

- (1) Identical individuals or entities, e.g., DBA's;
- (2) A corporation and any major shareholder thereof;
- (3) Affiliates;
- (4) A partnership and any of its general partners;
- (5) Two or more general partners;
- (6) Husband and wife;
- (7) Entities having substantial identity of financial interests or assets.

(b) **Notice of Related Cases.** In the event there are related bankruptcy cases, the debtor must file a Notice of Related Case(s) at the time of filing of a petition for relief, and must serve a copy of the notice upon the United States

Trustee. The notice must list the name, filing date, and case number of any related cases.

(c) **Transfer.** The Court may, on its own motion or upon the motion of a party in interest, order a case transferred to another bankruptcy judge based on the Court's determination as to whether a case is related and whether the transfer will promote the efficient administration of the estates or avoid inconsistent or conflicting rulings.

(d) **Procedure.** A motion by a party in interest to transfer a case or cases must be addressed to the judge presiding in the earliest filed case and served on the debtors and all trustees appointed in the cases.

New Orleans, Louisiana, April 25, 2007.

/s/ Jerry A. Brown
Chief Judge Jerry A. Brown

/s/ Elizabeth W. Magner
Judge Elizabeth W. Magner