

**LRCiv 42.1**

**RELATED CASES; CONSOLIDATION; SERVICE; ASSIGNMENT**

(a) **Related Cases.**

~~(1) Any party may file a motion to transfer the case or cases involved to a single Judge whenever two or more cases are pending before different Judges and any party believes that such cases: (A1) arise from substantially the same transaction or event; (B2) involve substantially the same parties or property; (C3) involve the same patent, trademark, or copyright; (D4) call for determination of substantially the same questions of law; or (E5) for any other reason would entail substantial duplication of labor if heard by different Judges, any party may file a motion to transfer the case or cases involved to a single Judge. The motion shall be filed in the case with the lowest case number assigned to a District Judge who shall hear and decide the motion. If the cases are assigned to only Magistrate Judges, a motion to transfer shall be heard by the Magistrate Judge assigned to the lowest case number. and shall be heard by the Judge assigned to that case.~~

The caption of the motion to transfer shall list the case number of that case, followed by a complete listing of the case numbers of all the cases to be considered for reassignment. In addition, a notice of filing motion to transfer, with a copy of the motion attached, shall be filed in each case to be considered for reassignment.

(2b) **Consolidation.** A motion to consolidate pursuant to Rule 42(a), Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, shall contain the captions of all the cases sought to be consolidated, be filed in each case and shall be heard by the District Judge assigned the lowest case number.

(3c) **Service.** Service of any motion to transfer filed

under subparagraph(a)~~(1)~~ or service of any motion to consolidate filed under subparagraph (a)~~(2)~~ shall be made upon all parties and assigned Judges in such cases.

(~~4~~d) **Assignment.** In determining the Judge to whom the case or cases will be assigned pursuant to subparagraphs (a)~~(1)~~ or ~~(a)(2)~~(b) above, the following factors may be considered: (~~A~~1) whether substantive matters have been considered in a case; (~~B~~2) which Judge has the most familiarity with the issues involved in the cases; (~~C~~3) whether a case is reasonably viewed as the lead or principal case; or (~~D~~4) any other factor serving the interest of judicial economy.