

**Rule 1002-1**  
**Petition – General**

**(a) Filing.** A petition commencing a case under the Bankruptcy Code must be filed by electronic means as established by the court. Only *pro se* debtors or attorneys who have not obtained their Case Management/Electronic Case Filing ("CM/ECF") training, login, and password may file a petition in paper in the office of the clerk. Attorneys who need to file by paper method must include a motion with their filing requesting permission to file by paper method and informing the court the date on which they will take the training to comply with the mandatory electronic requirements of this court. Training information is available on the court's web site ([www.prb.uscourts.gov](http://www.prb.uscourts.gov)).

**(b) Form.** A petition commencing a voluntary case must conform with [Official Form B-1](#) and be fully completed by the petitioner.

**(c) Corporate Petition and Petitions for Non-Individuals.**

**(1) Corporate Petitions.** A petition filed by a corporation must be signed in accordance with 28 U.S.C. § 1746, or verified by an authorized officer or authorized agent of the corporation; it must include a copy of the resolution of the board of directors or minutes of the corporate meeting, or other evidence of the authority of the verifying officer or authorized agent to file the bankruptcy petition on behalf of the corporation.

**(2) Petitions for Other Non-Individuals.** A petition by a partnership, trust, or other non-individual debtor must be signed and verified by a general partner, or trustee or appropriate agent; it must include evidence of the signatory's authority to file the bankruptcy petition.