

Rule 42. Consolidation; Separate Trials

(a) Consolidation.

(1) The Court may consolidate domestic relations actions and other cases before the Court relating to the same subject matter or parties or members of the same family or household. Upon consolidation, copies of the order of consolidation and of all subsequent pleadings and orders shall be filed in each case so consolidated, provided that all papers filed in an adoption case shall be maintained only in the adoption case file.

(2) An attorney or party who becomes aware of the existence of a related case shall immediately notify, in writing, the judicial officers on whose calendars the cases appear.

(b) Separate trials. The Court may order a separate trial of one or more claims or counterclaims or of any separate issues when it will promote the efficient administration of justice.

COMMENT

Paragraph (a) provides for the consolidation of domestic relations cases and other related cases in the Superior Court. Because a number of factors affect the placement of consolidated Family Division cases on a particular calendar, no attempt is made to set forth the procedure in this Rule.