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**1016-1. Suggestion of Death.** If an individual debtor dies during a case, a Suggestion of Death of the debtor [FRCP 25(a), FRBP 7025] must be filed within sixty days of the death by the bankruptcy counsel for the deceased debtor or the person who seeks to be appointed as the representative for or successor to that debtor. The Suggestion of Death must be served on all interested parties.

**1016-2. Motion for Relief Upon Debtor's Death.** When a debtor dies during a bankruptcy case, claims for relief, including but not limited to the following, may be requested in a single motion:

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- (b) Continued administration of a case under chapter 11, 12, or 13 [FRBP 1016];
- (c) Waiver of post-petition education requirement for entry of discharge [11 U.S.C. §§ 727(a)(11), 1328(g)];
- (d) Waiver of the certification requirements for entry of discharge in a Chapter 13 case, to the extent that the representative for or successor to the deceased debtor can demonstrate an inability to provide such certifications [11 U.S.C. § 1328]; or
- (e) Dismissal of the case.

## **RULE 7026. DISCOVERY**

**7026-1. Applicability of Rule.** In all adversary proceedings, failure to timely comply with FRBP 7026 and to follow the procedures set forth in LBR 7016-1 will be cause for issuance of a notice of dismissal or denial of the matter. FRCP 26(d)(1) is not applicable to requests under FRBP 7033, 7034, or 7036. But see LBR 9014-2 for limitations on discovery in contested matters.

## **9014. DISCOVERY IN CONTESTED MATTERS**

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## 9014. DISCOVERY IN CONTESTED MATTERS

**9014-1. Applicability of Rule.** In all contested matters under FRBP 9014 to which the adversary rules apply, ~~the parties must failure to timely~~ comply with FRBP 7026 where applicable and to follow the procedures set forth in LBR 7016-1. ~~Failure to timely comply~~ will be cause for denial of the matter.