

**DOMA and joint petitions - FRBP 1015(b)****Gary Streeting** to: Rules_Support

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In light of yesterday's ruling on the Defense of Marriage Act, I believe that a revision to Fed. R. Bankr. P. 1015(b) is in order. Sec 302(a) of the Bankruptcy Code (Joint Cases) uses the word "spouse," which, to now, has been defined as an opposite sex husband or wife under DOMA. Rule 1015(b) applies to "a joint petition ... pending in the same court by or against (1) a husband and wife" Wouldn't it be a good idea and more accurate to change Rule 1015(b) from "... a husband and wife" to "spouses" or something similar now? Thanks for your consideration.

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