

avoid Bykowski's discharge pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 523. Apex's Adversary Complaint incorporated the same essential facts that were pending against Bykowski in the original Bykowski litigation.

On August 5, 2014, Apex filed the instant Chemworld litigation, which involves the same operative facts as the Adversary Complaint in the Bykowski bankruptcy matter.

On October 21, 2014, Apex filed a Motion to Withdraw the Reference of the Bykowski Adversary Complaint. On November 21, 2014, the Honorable Kent Lindquist filed a recommendation that the reference for the Bykowski Adversary Complaint be withdrawn. On December 12, 2014, the Bykowski Adversary Complaint was transferred to the District Court for consideration in the new cause number 2:14-CV-456. On December 16, 2014, the parties in 2:14-CV-456 consented to magistrate judge jurisdiction.

These two matters should be consolidated for all purposes because the litigation involves all of the same operative facts and parties and would provide for the most efficient resolution of the common claims against Bykowski and the Chemworld Defendants.

Accordingly, in the interest of judicial economy, the Court hereby **GRANTS** the Joint Motion to Consolidate 2:14-CV-456 with 2:14-CV-273 Pursuant to Local Rule 42-2 [DE 81] and **ORDERS** consolidation of cause numbers 2:14-CV-273-PRC and 2:14-CV-456-JEM.

All future filings shall be made in 2:14-CV-273-PRC **only**.

SO ORDERED this 18th day of December, 2014.

s/ Paul R. Cherry

MAGISTRATE JUDGE PAUL R. CHERRY
UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

cc: All counsel of record