JOINDER OF CLAIMS

Plaintiff has seven claims against the defendant:

a) breach of contract - occurring in January
b) slander - occurring in February
c) false imprisonment - occurring in February
(same factual setting for (b) & (c))
d) trespass - occurring in March
e) negligence resulting
in personal injuries - occurring in April
f) negligence resulting
in property damage - occurring in April
(same incident for (e) & (f))
g) patent infringement - occurring in May

1. Which of these claims can be combined in lawsuits pursuant to the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure? See pages 652-657.

2. Must any of the claims be combined?

3. Suppose the parties are from the same state, and each claim is for $3000?

4. Suppose the parties are from diverse states and each claim is for $15,000?

5. Assume all seven claims are filed in the same lawsuit. What problems might result? What power does the judge have to deal with these problems?

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