## RAP 3.3 CONSOLIDATION OF CASES

- (a) Cases Tried Together. If two or more cases have been tried together or consolidated for trial, the cases are consolidated for the purpose of review unless the appellate court otherwise directs.
- **(b)** Cases Consolidated in Appellate Court. The appellate court, on its own initiative or on motion of a party, may order the consolidation of cases or the separation of cases for the purpose of review. A party should move to consolidate two or more cases if consolidation would save time and expense and provide for a fair review of the cases. If two or more cases have been consolidated for review in the Court of Appeals, the cases remain consolidated for review in the Supreme Court unless the Supreme Court otherwise directs.

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