



**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS**

NOTICE OF ASSIGNMENT OF CASE TO A UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE

Pursuant to General Order 14-10, this case has been randomly assigned to a magistrate judge. With the written consent of all parties, a magistrate judge may conduct all proceedings in a case, including all pretrial and trial proceedings, entry of judgment and post-trial motions. 28 U.S.C. § 636(c).

Please complete the attached form indicating whether you consent to proceed before the assigned magistrate judge. This form is also available from the court's website: txed.uscourts.gov. Although the court encourages consent, you are free to withhold consent without adverse consequences. If any party declines, the case will be reassigned to a district judge for any dispositive matters and/or trial, but will remain with the magistrate judge for all pretrial matters.

If you are the plaintiff or removing party in this case, you must file the attached form within 21 days of receipt of this notice. Each other party must file its form within 21 days of appearing in the case. The plaintiff or removing party must serve a copy of the completed form upon all other parties to this action.

Parties who are represented by counsel should file the signed consent form using the sealed event "Notice of Consent to Proceed Before U.S. Magistrate Judge." Pro se parties should continue to submit paper consent forms.

If a party declines magistrate judge jurisdiction, the case will be reassigned to a district judge for any dispositive matter and/or trial.

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IMPORTANT: Return this form to the Clerk's Office promptly, but no later than twenty-one days after your appearance, answer or responsive pleading.

Plaintiff(s)	Case No.
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Defendant(s).	

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CONSENT TO JURISDICTION OF MAGISTRATE JUDGE

INSTRUCTIONS: Each party in the above captioned civil matter is to check one of the following options below indicating whether the party will consent to having the assigned magistrate judge conduct any and all proceedings in this case, including trial and entry of final judgment in accordance with the provisions of 28 U.S.C. § 636(c) (1). Sign this form below your selection.

Consent to Magistrate Judge Jurisdiction

In accordance with the provisions of 28 U.S.C. § 636(c), I voluntarily **consent** to have the assigned United States magistrate judge conduct all further proceedings in this case, including trial and entry of final judgment.

OR

Decline Magistrate Judge Jurisdiction

I **decline** to consent to the United States magistrate judge. I hereby request that this case be reassigned to a United States district judge for any dispositive matter and/or trial.

DATE: _____

NAME: _____
COUNSEL FOR
(OR PRO SE): _____

Signature