

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

**CONSENT TO PROCEED BEFORE UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE
ATTORNEY INSTRUCTIONS**

Fed. R. Civ. P. 73 requires the clerk to give the parties written notice of their opportunity to consent to proceed before a magistrate judge. This notice is now delivered electronically via the court's CM/ECF system. When a new case is opened, the clerk will docket the *Notice of Magistrate Availability*. This event will generate the following text:

In accordance with the provisions of 28 USC Section 636(c), you are hereby notified that a U.S. Magistrate Judge of this district court is available to conduct any or all proceedings in this case including a jury or non-jury trial and to order the entry of a final judgment. The form [Consent to Proceed Before Magistrate Judge](#) is available on our website. All signed consent forms, excluding pro se parties, should be filed electronically using the event *Notice of Consent to Proceed Before Magistrate Judge*. (bjc,) (Entered: 06/03/2010)

When a party agrees to consent to proceed before a magistrate judge, their attorney should electronically file the signed consent form using the sealed event, *Notice of Consent to Proceed Before U.S. Magistrate Judge*. This event is located under the **Notices** category. See below:

Notices

Available Events (click to select an event)

- Corporate Disclosure Statement
- Notice (Other)
- Notice of Acceptance with Offer of Judgment
- Notice of Attorney Appearance
- Notice of Change of Address
- Notice of Consent to Proceed Before Magistrate Judge**
- Notice of Designation of Attorney in Charge
- Notice of Disclosure
- Notice of Filing of Copyright Form (AO 121)
- Notice of Filing of Patent/Trademark Form (AO 120)
- Notice of Lis Pendens
- Notice of Proof of Exhaustion
- Notice of Settlement
- Notice of Voluntary Dismissal

Selected Event

Notice of Consent to Proceed Before Magistrate Judge

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The *Notice of Consent to Proceed Before U.S. Magistrate Judge* event is sealed, the event will not be visible on the docket sheet nor will any party including the court be notified electronically. The clerk will monitor the case and will only notify the judge when signed consents are received from all parties in the case.

This Procedure applies to all civil cases except for motions under 28 USC § 2255.

*The form is attached to these instructions.
Please detach the form from these instructions before filing.*

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

vs.

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CASE NO.

CONSENT TO PROCEED BEFORE UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE

In accordance with the provisions of 28 U.S.C. Section 636(c), you are hereby notified that a United States magistrate judge of this district court is available to conduct any or all proceedings in this case including a jury or nonjury trial, and to order the entry of a final judgment. Exercise of this jurisdiction by a magistrate judge is, however, permitted only if all parties voluntarily consent. You may, without adverse substantive consequences, withhold your consent, but this will prevent the court's trial jurisdiction from being exercised by a magistrate judge.

An appeal from a judgment entered by a magistrate judge shall be taken directly to the United States court of appeals for this judicial circuit in the same manner as an appeal from any other judgment of a district court.

NOTICE

In accordance with the provisions of 28 U.S.C. 636(c), the parties in this case hereby voluntarily consent to have a United States magistrate judge conduct any and all further proceedings in the case, including trial, order the entry of a final judgment, and conduct all post-judgment proceedings.

Signatures	Party Represented	Date
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Dated: _____