UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
LUFKIN DIVISION

DIVISIONAL ORDER

For cases filed in the Lufkin Division in the categories listed below in Schedule I, the Clerk of Court will randomly assign a Tyler Division magistrate judge as the presiding judge and send to each party, upon the party's appearance in the case, a form to consent to proceed before the magistrate judge for all purposes under 28 U.S.C. § 636(c). The magistrate judge may also invite party consent. If the parties consent, the magistrate judge is designated to exercise full § 636(c) jurisdiction, including holding trial and entering judgment. If the parties do not consent timely, as determined by the magistrate judge, a Tyler Division district judge will be assigned as the presiding judge, but the case will remain referred to the assigned magistrate judge to the full extent authorized by 28 U.S.C. § 636(b). This order applies to cases filed on or after September 1, 2026.

So ORDERED and SIGNED this 6th day of August, 2026.

JEREMY D. KERNODLE
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

J. CAMPBELL BARKER
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

Schedule I

All cases referred to a magistrate judge by:

- General Orders 05-07 and 03-16 (pro se civil actions)
- General Order 05-04 (prisoner civil actions)
- General Order 05-05 (Social Security appeals)
- General Order 93-11 (in rem civil-forfeiture actions)

And:

- Civil actions arising under the Fair Debt Collection Act or Fair Credit Reporting Act