

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS

**STANDING ORDER ASSIGNING SOCIAL SECURITY APPEAL CASES  
FILED IN THE SHERMAN DIVISION TO A MAGISTRATE JUDGE**

Effective February 1, 2025, and notwithstanding other case assignment orders of this Court, the Clerk will randomly assign, at the time of filing, each appeal from the final decision of the Commissioner of Social Security pursuant to § 405(g) of the Social Security Act filed in the Sherman Division to a magistrate judge in the Sherman Division to serve as presiding judge and immediately thereafter send the parties a form to consent to proceed before the magistrate judge. The assigned magistrate judge may also separately invite the parties to consent.

If all parties consent, the case will remain assigned to the magistrate judge for all purposes, including the entry of final judgment under the provisions of 28 U.S.C. § 636(c) and Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 73. If the parties do not consent, the Clerk will randomly reassign the case to a district judge in the Sherman Division and automatically refer the case to the previously presiding magistrate judge for decisions on non-dispositive matters and findings of fact, conclusions of law, and a recommendation for the disposition of the case.

This order does not apply to any case that was filed before February 1, 2025.

**SO ORDERED and Effective as of the 1<sup>st</sup> day of February, 2025.**



AMOS L. MAZZANT, III  
United States District Judge



SEAN D. JORDAN  
United States District Judge