

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
Southern District of Florida

Case Number: _____

Plaintiff

v.

Defendant

**NOTICE OF RIGHT TO CONSENT TO DISPOSITION OF A CIVIL CASE BY A UNITED STATES
MAGISTRATE JUDGE - CONSENT TO EXERCISE OF JURISDICTION BY A UNITED STATES
MAGISTRATE JUDGE**

In accordance with the provisions of 28 U.S.C. 636(c), the undersigned parties voluntarily consent to have a United States Magistrate Judge conduct all further proceedings in the case, including the trial and order the entry of final judgment.

Signature

Date

ORDER OF REFERENCE

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that this case be referred to the Honorable _____, United States Magistrate Judge, for all further proceedings and the entry of judgment in accordance with 28 U.S.C. 636(c), Fed.R.Civ.P. 73 and the foregoing consent of the parties.

Dated this _____ day of _____, 20 ____.

United States District Judge

NOTE: RETURN THIS FORM TO THE CLERK OF THE COURT ONLY IF ALL PARTIES HAVE CONSENTED ON THIS FORM TO THE EXERCISE OF JURISDICTION BY THE UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE

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In accordance with the provisions of 28 U.S.C. § 636(c), you are hereby notified that the full-time United States Magistrate Judges of this District Court, in addition to their other duties, may, upon the consent of all the parties in a civil case, conduct any and all proceedings in a civil case, including a jury or non jury trial, and order the entry of a final judgment. Moreover, upon consent, the Magistrate Judge may rule on case dispositive motion(s). Copies of appropriate consent forms for these purposes are attached and are also available from the Clerk of the Court.

You should be aware that your decision to consent or not to consent to the referral of your case to a United States Magistrate Judge for disposition is your decision and yours alone after consulting with your lawyer, that your lawyer cannot make this decision for you, that this decision is entirely voluntary on your part and should be communicated solely to the Clerk of the District Court. Only if all parties to the case consent to the reference to a Magistrate Judge will either a District Judge or Magistrate Judge be informed of your decision. Once consent is given by the parties it cannot be waived. Only the District Court may for good cause shown on its own motion, or under extraordinary circumstances shown by a party, vacate a reference of a civil matter to a Magistrate Judge. Appeals in rulings from consent cases are decided by the Eleventh Circuit Court of Appeals.

Your opportunity to have your case disposed of by a Magistrate Judge is subject to the discretion of the Court. Accordingly, the District Judge to whom your case is assigned must approve the reference of the case to a Magistrate Judge for disposition, by Order of Reference.