

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT EASTERN DISTRICT OF ARKANSAS

CONSENT TO JURISDICTION BY UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE INSTRUCTIONS

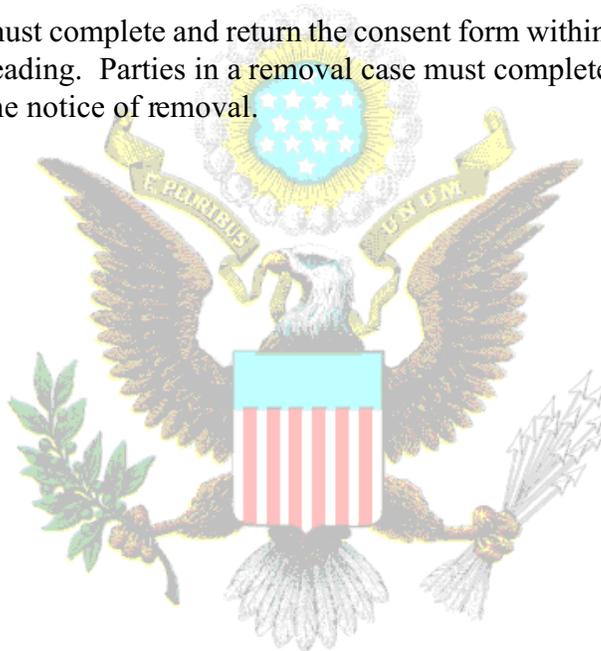
In accordance with *General Order No. 48*, which became effective November 1, 1998, all civil cases are randomly assigned to a United States District Court Judge or to a United States Magistrate Judge.

When a case is filed and assigned to a United States Magistrate Judge, consent forms, for all parties, are stamped with a case number and given to the individual who is filing the case. On these forms, consent may be given to the jurisdiction of the magistrate judge by signing the consent section of the form. If all parties consent, the case will remain with the magistrate judge, pursuant to 28 USC § 636(c)(1).

If any party chooses the District Judge Option, the case will be randomly reassigned to a United States District Court Judge. To elect to have the case heard before a United States District Court Judge, the District Judge Option section of the form must be completed.

Plaintiff(s) must complete and return the consent form within 20 days of the filing of the complaint and serve it on defendant(s) along with the complaint. Defendant(s) who have filed a removal must return the consent form within 20 days of filing the removal petition and shall serve the form on the other parties to the case along with the notice of removal.

Defendant(s) must complete and return the consent form within 20 days of filing an answer or other responsive pleading. Parties in a removal case must complete and return the form within 20 days of receiving the notice of removal.



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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF ARKANSAS

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

CONSENT TO JURISDICTION BY
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE
(GENERAL ORDER NO. 48)

In accordance with the provisions of Title 28, U.S.C. Sec. 636(c)(1), the undersigned (party*) counsel of record for _____ in the above captioned civil matter hereby voluntarily consents to have a United States Magistrate Judge conduct any and all further proceedings in the case, including trial and entry of a final judgment, with direct review by the Eighth Circuit Court of Appeals if an appeal is filed.

Date: _____
Signature _____
Print Name _____

DISTRICT JUDGE OPTION

Pursuant to Title 28, U.S.C. Sec. 636(c)(2), the undersigned (party*) (counsel of record for _____) in the above captioned civil matter hereby acknowledges the availability of a United States Magistrate Judge but elects to have this case randomly assigned to a United States District Judge.

Date: _____
Signature _____
Print Name _____

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a true copy of the foregoing Consent was served with the complaint or removal notice on all parties of record in this cause, this _____ day of _____, 20____.

Signature _____

*Corporations may execute only by counsel.