

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLORADO**

Civil Action No.

Plaintiff(s),

v.

Defendant(s).

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**NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE TO  
EXERCISE JURISDICTION**

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Under 28 U.S.C. § 636(c) and the Pilot Program to Implement the Direct Assignment of Civil Cases to Full Time Magistrate Judges, you are notified that this civil action has been randomly assigned to a full time United States magistrate judge of this district to conduct all proceedings in this civil action, including trial, and to order the entry of a final judgment. Exercise of this jurisdiction by a magistrate judge, however, is permitted only if all parties voluntarily consent to the reference under 28 U.S.C. § 636(c). An appeal from a judgment entered by a magistrate judge shall be taken directly to the appropriate United States Court of Appeals in the same manner as an appeal from any other judgment of a district court.

You may, without adverse substantive consequences, withhold your consent, and this shall prevent the court's jurisdiction from being exercised by a magistrate judge.

You must complete and file the attached Consent Form at the earlier of (1) not more than ten days after the scheduling conference; or (2) not more than forty-five days after the filing of a response, other than an answer, to the operative complaint. All parties must either consent to the exercise of magistrate judge jurisdiction, or any party may decline to consent. In either event, filing of the Consent Form is mandatory, indicating either the unanimous consent of the parties or that at least one party has declined to consent.

If all parties consent to magistrate judge jurisdiction, the magistrate judge shall notify the Chief Judge, or his/her designee, who shall determine whether to enter an

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order of reference under 28 U.S.C. § 636(c). If an order of reference is entered, the magistrate judge shall conduct all proceedings and order the entry of judgment. The district judge entering the order of reference, for good cause shown on the district judge's own initiative or under extraordinary circumstances shown by a party, may vacate the order of reference. If consent is declined by any party, no order of reference is entered, or the order of reference is vacated, the case shall be assigned under D.C.COLO.LCivR 40.1(a), and the magistrate judge shall continue on the case to hear matters referred by the district judge under 28 U.S.C. § 636(b), Fed. R. Civ. P. 72, and D.C.COLO.LCivR. 72.1(c). Any party added to the case after reference to a magistrate judge under this Pilot Project shall be notified by the clerk of the obligation to complete and file the applicable Consent Form. If any added party does not consent to the exercise of magistrate judge jurisdiction within 21 days from the date of the notice, the case shall be assigned under D.C.COLO.LCivR 40.1(a), and the magistrate judge shall continue on the case in the same capacity as if consent had been declined initially.

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**CONSENT FORM PURSUANT TO PILOT PROGRAM TO IMPLEMENT THE DIRECT  
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Under 28 U.S.C. § 636(c) and the Pilot Program to Implement the Direct Assignment of Civil Cases to Full Time Magistrate Judges:

**CHECK ONE**

all parties in this civil action **CONSENT** to have a United States magistrate judge conduct all proceedings in this civil action, including trial, and to order the entry of a final judgment;

**OR**

at least one party in this civil action **DOES NOT CONSENT** to have a United States magistrate judge conduct all proceedings in this civil action, including trial, and to order the entry of a final judgment.

Signatures

Party Represented

Date

Print name

Print name

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**NOTE:** You must execute and file this Consent Form, indicating either the unanimous consent of the parties or that at least one party has declined to consent, at the earlier of: (1) not more than ten days after the scheduling conference; or (2) not more than forty-five days after the filing of the first response, other than an answer, to the operative complaint.