

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF CONNECTICUT**

**STANDING ORDER REGARDING ASSIGNMENT OF APPEALS OF
SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION DECISIONS**

The parties in an appeal of the decision of the Social Security Administration may choose to file consent to the appeal being decided by a Magistrate Judge of this District, with judgment entered following the Magistrate Judge's decision on the Social Security appeal. Any appeal from the Magistrate Judge's ruling would be to the Second Circuit Court of Appeals. The plaintiff must file such consent within fourteen (14) days of the filing of his/her appeal, and the defendant must file his/her consent within fourteen (14) days of the filing of his/her notice of appearance.

If a party does not consent within the time limit for that party as described above, the Social Security appeal will then be assigned to a District Judge.

Pending random assignment to either a Magistrate Judge or District Judge, all Social Security appeals will be temporarily assigned to the docket of the Chief Judge.

A copy of the Consent Form is attached to this Standing Order.

SO ORDERED.

Dated at New Haven, Connecticut, this 20th day of July, 2015.

/s/ Janet C. Hall _____
Janet C. Hall, Chief Judge
United States District Court

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

for the

_____ District of _____

_____)	
<i>Plaintiff</i>)	
v.)	Civil Action No.
_____)	
<i>Defendant</i>)	

NOTICE, CONSENT, AND REFERENCE OF A CIVIL ACTION TO A MAGISTRATE JUDGE

Notice of a magistrate judge's availability. A United States magistrate judge of this court is available to conduct all proceedings in this civil action (including a jury or nonjury trial) and to order the entry of a final judgment. The judgment may then be appealed directly to the United States court of appeals like any other judgment of this court. A magistrate judge may exercise this authority only if all parties voluntarily consent.

You may consent to have your case referred to a magistrate judge, or you may withhold your consent without adverse substantive consequences. The name of any party withholding consent will not be revealed to any judge who may otherwise be involved with your case.

Consent to a magistrate judge's authority. The following parties consent to have a United States magistrate judge conduct all proceedings in this case including trial, the entry of final judgment, and all post-trial proceedings.

<i>Parties' printed names</i>	<i>Signatures of parties or attorneys</i>	<i>Dates</i>
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

Reference Order

IT IS ORDERED: This case is referred to a United States magistrate judge to conduct all proceedings and order the entry of a final judgment in accordance with 28 U.S.C. § 636(c) and Fed. R. Civ. P. 73.

Date: _____

District Judge's signature

Printed name and title

Note: Return this form to the clerk of court only if you are consenting to the exercise of jurisdiction by a United States magistrate judge. Do not return this form to a judge.