

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

for the
District of Alaska

In the matter of

Consent to Magistrate Judges

MISCELLANEOUS
GENERAL ORDER
NO. 19-06

The judges of the United States District Court for the District of Alaska hereby establish new procedures for consent to U.S. Magistrate Judges. The goal of these new procedures is to increase the percentage of consent cases.

Effective the date of this order, this Court will assign a percentage of civil cases filed by self-represented litigants to its U.S. Magistrate Judges. Consent to a Magistrate Judge is voluntary. When a case is directly assigned to a Magistrate Judge, all parties are provided with a consent form. Any party may decline consent by signing and returning the declination of consent form to the Court.

Effective the date of this order, each party will be deemed to have knowingly and voluntarily consented to proceed before the assigned Magistrate Judge if the consent form is not returned by the date stated on the form.

If a party declines to consent by signing and returning the declination of consent form, the clerk will immediately reassign the case to a district judge by random selection and docket the declination of consent form.

This Miscellaneous General Order supersedes the Court's Local Magistrate Judge Rule 7 with respect to written consent and Miscellaneous General Order No. 19-03 relating to docketing the declination of consent form.

This new procedure shall apply to all civil cases filed by self-represented litigants as of the date of this order that have been randomly assigned to a U.S. Magistrate Judge.

The new declination of consent form is available on the Court's website.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

DATED at Anchorage, Alaska this 28th day of May, 2019.

/s/ Timothy M. Burgess

TIMOTHY M. BURGESS, Chief Judge
United States District Court

/s/ Sharon L. Gleason

SHARON L. GLEASON, Judge
United States District Court

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