

# UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

for the  
District of Alaska

*In the matter of*

Consent to Magistrate Judges

MISCELLANEOUS  
GENERAL ORDER  
NO. 19-03

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 identity of the party declining consent will not be communicated to any judge, and the clerk will immediately reassign the case to a district judge by random selection.

This Miscellaneous General Order supersedes the Court's Local Magistrate Judge Rule 7 with respect to written consent.

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 6<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2019.

*/s/ Timothy M. Burgess*

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TIMOTHY M. BURGESS, Chief Judge  
United States District Court

*/s/ Sharon L. Gleason*

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SHARON L. GLEASON, Judge  
United States District Court

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