

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF VIRGINIA
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NOTICE TO PARTIES OF RIGHT TO CONSENT TO
JURISDICTION OF UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE
IN SOCIAL SECURITY CASES

Plaintiff(s)

DATE: _____

vs.

CIVIL ACTION NO. _____

Defendant(s)

In accordance with the provisions of Title 28, U.S.C. Sec. 636(c), and Fed.R.Civ.P. 73, you are hereby notified that a United States Magistrate Judge of this district court is available to exercise the court's jurisdiction and to conduct any or all proceedings in this case including a jury or nonjury trial, and entry of a final judgment. Exercise of this jurisdiction by a magistrate judge is, however, permitted only if all parties voluntarily consent.

You may, without adverse substantive consequences, withhold your consent, but this will prevent the court's jurisdiction from being exercised by a magistrate judge. If any party withholds consent, the identity of the parties consenting or withholding consent will not be communicated to any magistrate judge or to the district judge to whom the case has been assigned.

An appeal from a judgment entered by a magistrate judge may be taken directly to the United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit in the same manner as an appeal from any other judgment of a district court.

If you desire to consent to this action please indicate by signing below and returning the form to the Clerk's Office within 15 days from the date of this Notice.

Signature

Printed Name

Date

Counsel for:

RETURN THIS FORM BY EMAILING TO vawd_consents@vawd.uscourts.gov or by mailing the paper document to the Clerk's Office.
