

Form 2

Consent to Proceed Before a Magistrate Judge

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
HOUSTON DIVISION**

_____, Plaintiff,	§ § § § § § § § § §	CIVIL ACTION NO. _____ JUDGE CHARLES ESKRIDGE
vs.		
_____, Defendant.		

**NOTICE OF THE RIGHT TO PROCEED
IN A CIVIL CASE BEFORE A MAGISTRATE JUDGE**

With the consent of all parties, a United States Magistrate Judge may preside in a civil case, including a jury trial and entry of a final judgment.

The choice to proceed before a Magistrate Judge is entirely yours. Tell only the Clerk. Neither the District Judge nor the Magistrate Judge will be told unless and until all the parties agree.

The District Judge to whom your case is assigned must approve the referral to a Magistrate Judge.

You must use the consent form attached to these procedures. Complete the form but do not otherwise modify it. The form is also available from the Office of the Clerk of Court.

Nathan Ochsner, Clerk
United States District Clerk
Southern District of Texas

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
HOUSTON DIVISION**

_____, Plaintiff,	§ § § § § § § § § §	CIVIL ACTION NO. _____ JUDGE CHARLES ESKRIDGE
vs.		
_____, Defendant.		

CONSENT TO PROCEED BEFORE A MAGISTRATE JUDGE

In accordance with 28 U.S.C. § 636(c), all parties to this action waive their right to proceed before a District Judge of this Court and consent to have a United States Magistrate Judge conduct all further proceedings, including hearings and rulings on motions, pretrial conferences and trial, and entry of judgment.

Counsel for all parties execute this form as follows:

_____ *for* _____
_____ *for* _____

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
HOUSTON DIVISION**

_____, Plaintiff,	§ § § § § § § § §	CIVIL ACTION NO. _____ JUDGE CHARLES ESKRIDGE
vs.		
_____, Defendant.		

ORDER TO REASSIGN

It is ORDERED that the Clerk of Court shall reassign this action to the Magistrate Judge assigned to this case to conduct all further proceedings, including hearings and rulings on motions, pretrial conferences and trial, and entry of judgment.

Signed on _____, at Houston, Texas.

Hon. Charles Eskridge
United States District Judge