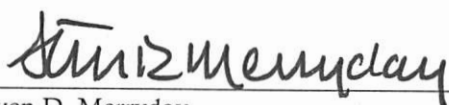


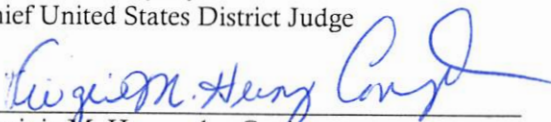
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MIDDLE DISTRICT OF FLORIDA

With the parties' consent, a district judge under 28 U.S.C. § 636(c) can refer any civil matter to a magistrate judge for any or all proceedings, including the resolution of any motion, a jury or non-jury trial, and entry of final judgment. Although the same law, rules, and procedure govern before both the district judge and the magistrate judge, reference to the magistrate judge often results in an earlier and more reliable trial date (a magistrate judge's trial calendar need not accommodate criminal trials, which are subject to the requirement of constitutional and statutory "speedy trial"). A final judgment entered by the magistrate judge is appealable directly to the United States Court of Appeals.

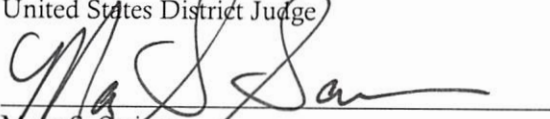
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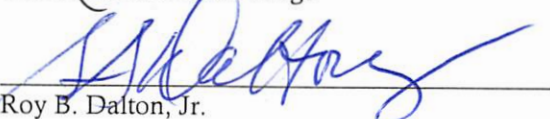
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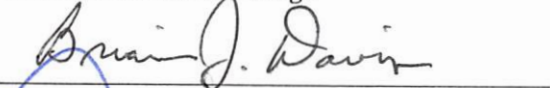
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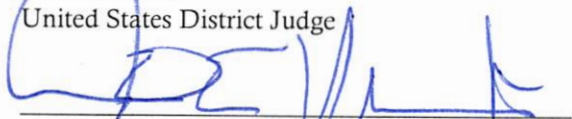
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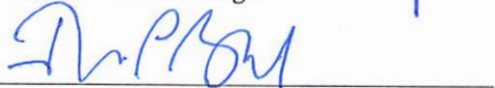
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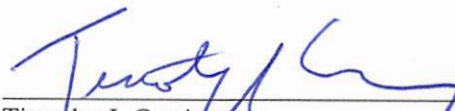
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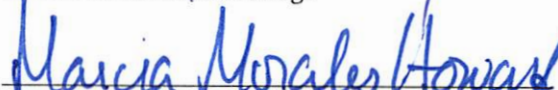
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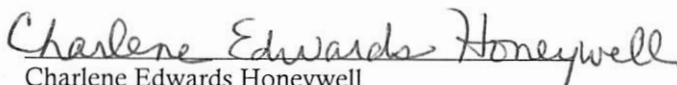
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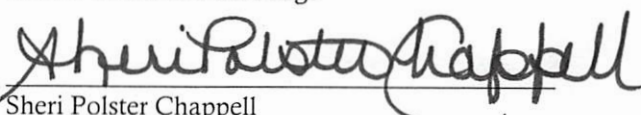
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William F. Jung
United States District Judge



Wendy W. Berger
United States District Judge

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

for the

_____ District of _____

Plaintiff v. Defendant Civil Action No.

NOTICE, CONSENT, AND REFERENCE OF A DISPOSITIVE MOTION 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 and enter a final order dispositive of each motion. A magistrate judge may exercise this authority only if all parties voluntarily consent.

You may consent to have motions 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 consideration of a dispositive motion. The following parties consent to have a United States magistrate judge conduct any and all proceedings and enter a final order as to each motion identified below (identify each motion by document number and title).

Motions: _____

Printed names of parties and attorneys

Signatures of parties or attorneys

Dates

Reference Order

IT IS ORDERED: The motions are referred to a United States magistrate judge to conduct all proceedings and enter a final order on the motions identified above in accordance with 28 U.S.C. § 636(c).

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.