



UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
District of Rhode Island

**NOTICE REGARDING RANDOM ASSIGNMENT
OF SOCIAL SECURITY CASES TO MAGISTRATE JUDGES**

Pursuant to LR Gen 105(a)(4), the full-time magistrate judges of this Court have been added to the random case draw for presiding judge assignment for cases filed pursuant to §205(g) of the Social Security Act, 42 U.S.C. §405(g).

In a case randomly assigned to a magistrate judge, the magistrate judge is responsible for all case management and scheduling activities, and will decide all non-dispositive pretrial and discovery matters. If all parties consent in writing to the magistrate judge's exercise of civil trial jurisdiction, the case will remain assigned to the magistrate judge for all purposes, including trial and entry of final judgment. (See, 28 U.S.C. §636(c); Fed. R. Civ. P. 73; LR Cv 73.)

In all cases randomly assigned to a magistrate judge, the Clerk of Court will send a Notice of Assignment and a Consent/Declination form to each party. Each party will have 14 days from the date that the Notice of Assignment was sent to return the Consent/Declination form to the Clerk of Court in the manner outlined in the notice. If any party declines, the case will be randomly reassigned to a district judge. All other new cases will continue to be assigned in accordance with LR Gen 105(a)(1).

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Clerk of Court