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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE MATTER OF } GENERAL ORDER NO. 18-11  
VOLUNTARY CONSENT LIST } (Supersedes General Order No. 12-01)  
FOR THE ASSIGNMENT OF }  
CIVIL CASES TO MAGISTRATE }  
JUDGES }

1. Creation of Voluntary Consent List. IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Clerk shall create and maintain a list (“Voluntary Consent List” or “Consent List”) of magistrate judges who are available to accept cases on request, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 636(c), to conduct any and all necessary proceedings and order the entry of judgment. The Consent List shall be made available to the public on the Court’s website.

2. Participation of Magistrate Judges. Any full-time magistrate judge of this Court who maintains his or her regular caseload as determined by the Court may direct that his or her name be added to the Consent List. Names of eligible magistrate judges may be added or removed from the Consent List at any time, at the discretion of each such judge, by informing the Clerk of the name to be added or removed, and the effective date of the change. Magistrate judges whose names are included on the Consent List may be known as “Consent List Magistrate Judges.”

1           3. Eligible Cases. Parties who wish to consent to the jurisdiction of a  
2 Consent List Magistrate Judge in a case already pending in this Court may seek to  
3 do so in any civil case EXCEPT the following:

- 4           a. death penalty habeas corpus petitions;
- 5           b. bankruptcy appeals or withdrawal of reference cases;
- 6           c. cases referred to a magistrate judge for a Report and Recommendation  
7 under General Order No. 05-07 (as amended by General Order No.  
8 06-01) or any successor General Order (except as provided by L.R.  
9 73-3); and
- 10          d. cases initially assigned to a magistrate judge pursuant to the Direct  
11 Assignment of Civil Cases to Magistrate Judges Program under  
12 General Order No. 12-02, whether or not the case is currently  
13 assigned to that magistrate judge.

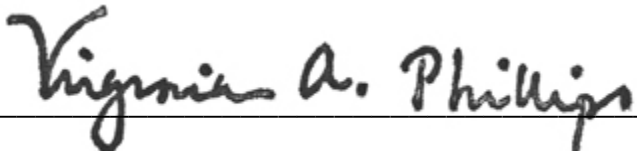
14          4. Reassignment of Cases. If all parties wish to consent to the jurisdiction  
15 of a Consent List Magistrate Judge in a case already pending in this Court, they  
16 must complete and lodge the consent form available from the Clerk (Form CV-  
17 11D). Once all parties have consented to the jurisdiction of a Consent List  
18 Magistrate Judge, the Clerk shall present the lodged Form CV-11D to the assigned  
19 district judge for approval. If the assigned district judge approves transfer of the  
20 case, the Clerk shall present the lodged Form CV-11D to the selected Consent List  
21 Magistrate Judge for approval. If the selected Consent List Magistrate Judge  
22 agrees to accept the case, the case will be reassigned to that magistrate judge for all  
23 purposes.

24          5. Magistrate Judge Serves as the Assigned Judge for All Purposes. Once  
25 a case has been reassigned to a magistrate judge pursuant to this General Order, the  
26 case shall remain assigned to that magistrate judge for all purposes, including trial  
27 and entry of final judgment pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 636(c) and Federal Rule of  
28 Civil Procedure 73. Appeal from a final judgment entered at a magistrate judge's

1 direction may be taken to the court of appeals as would any other appeal from a  
2 district court judgment.

3 6. Effective Date. This General Order shall become effective upon filing  
4 by the Clerk of this Court.

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6 IT IS SO ORDERED.

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9 CHIEF UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

10 *Date of Approval by the Court:* December 14, 2018

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12 *Date of Filing by the Clerk:* December 17, 2018