

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS  
SHERMAN DIVISION

**REFERRAL ORDER RC-72.3: CIVIL ACTIONS ASSIGNED TO JUDGE RON CLARK,  
SHERMAN DIVISION**

Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 636 and the Local Rules of Court for the Assignment of Duties to United States Magistrate Judges, it is ORDERED:

**CASES REFERRED**

All civil actions filed in the Sherman Division of the Eastern District of Texas and assigned to United States District Judge Ron Clark are hereby **REFERRED** to the full-time United States Magistrate Judge stationed in Sherman for all pre-trial proceedings.

**PRETRIAL PROCEEDINGS**

The assigned Magistrate Judge shall handle all pre-trial proceedings in cases referred under this Order. This shall include:

1. Hearing and determining all matters within the magistrate judge's dispositive jurisdiction;
2. Proceeding in accordance with 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1)(B) and (C) concerning matters excepted from the magistrate judge's dispositive jurisdiction under 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1)(A); and
3. Issuing a report to the district judge indicating that the case is ready for trial, after approval of the final pre-trial order, in those cases in which the parties have not consented to the magistrate judge's jurisdiction.

Upon receipt of the report, the referral under this Order shall be withdrawn, and the case shall be returned to the undersigned for all further proceedings and entry of judgment.

In the event of recusal or other disqualification of the magistrate judge in a case referred and assigned under this Order, the case shall return automatically to the docket of the undersigned, subject to further orders of the court.

### **CONSENT**

Upon receipt of signed consent forms by all parties, the case shall be reassigned to the magistrate judge, who shall conduct all proceedings, including jury and non-jury trials, and order the entry of judgment.

### **REFERRAL PROCEDURE**

Case referrals, case reassignments, and withdrawals of referrals under this Order shall be effected immediately. Absent special circumstances, case-specific orders of reference, reassignment, and withdrawal shall not be entered.

This Order does not affect General Order 12-07 or other established procedures for referral to magistrate judges of special category cases (e.g., preliminary motions to proceed in forma pauperis and for appointment of counsel in Title VII cases, prisoner cases, matters on the miscellaneous docket, etc.).

Nothing herein shall preclude reference of additional matters to the magistrate judge or the withdrawal of referrals in cases subject to this Order whenever appropriate.

This Order shall become effective on all cases, including those already filed and those filed on or after the date of this Order.

So **ORDERED** and **SIGNED** this **19** day of **March, 2012**.



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Ron Clark, United States District Judge