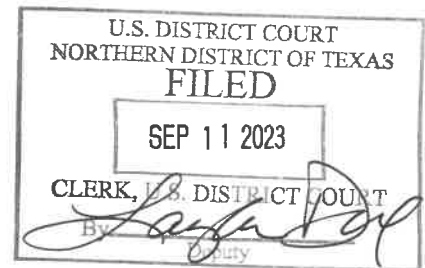


**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS**



SPECIAL ORDER NO. 3-350

Assignment of Social Security Cases to Magistrate Judges

Effective October 1, 2023, and notwithstanding any other case assignment order of this Court, the Clerk will randomly assign, at the time of filing, each appeal from the final decision of the Commissioner of Social Security pursuant to § 405(g) of the Social Security Act to a magistrate judge to serve as presiding judge. The Clerk will use a separate, district-wide Social Security deck for this purpose. All magistrate judges, except Judge David Horan, will be included in the Social Security deck.


Following the case assignment, the Clerk will send to all parties a notice and an approved form to consent to proceed before the magistrate judge. The assigned magistrate judge may also separately invite the parties to consent. If all parties consent, the case will remain assigned to the magistrate judge for all purposes, including the entry of final judgment under the provisions of 28 U.S.C. § 636(c) and Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 73.

If the parties do not consent, the clerk will reassign the case to a district judge under the case assignment order for the relevant division. Upon reassignment to a district judge, the case will automatically be referred to the previously presiding magistrate judge for decisions on any non-dispositive matters and findings of fact, conclusions of law, and a recommendation for the disposition of the case.

This Order does not apply to any case that was filed before October 1, 2023.

SO ORDERED.

September 11, 2023



DAVID C. GODBEY
CHIEF JUDGE