

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS
GENERAL ORDER 21-0038**

The Court's Rules Committee discussed the proposed amendments to Internal Operating Procedure 20 at its meeting on Thursday, October 14, 2021. It recommended that the full Court adopt the amendments to Internal Operating Procedure 20.

The full Court considered the recommendation of the Rules Committee at its meeting on Wednesday, October 20, 2021 and adopted the amendments to Internal Operating Procedure 20. Therefore,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Internal Operating Procedure 20 - Consents to Proceed Before a Magistrate Judge shall be amended and adopted as attached.

ENTER:

FOR THE COURT

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rebecca R. Pallmeyer", written over a horizontal line.

Hon. Rebecca R. Pallmeyer, Chief Judge

Dated at Chicago, Illinois this 4th day of November 2021

IOP20. Consents to Proceed Before a Magistrate Judge

(a) Notice of Availability. Whenever a civil action is filed in this District, the clerk ~~shall advise~~must notify the ~~person filing the complaint~~parties of the availability of a magistrate judge to exercise jurisdiction ~~by informing the person that the magistrate judge consent form may be obtained on the Court's website. The plaintiff's counsel is responsible for advising the defendant or defendants of the availability of a magistrate judge to exercise jurisdiction.~~. See LR 73.1(b).

(b) ~~Notice to Newly Joined Party~~ Added After Consent Occurs. Whenever a party is added to a case ~~the district judge or magistrate judge to whom the case is assigned will direct~~after the case has been transferred to a magistrate judge on consent, the clerk ~~to~~will inform the additional party of the availability of a magistrate judge to exercise jurisdiction. If the additional party does not consent to proceed before a magistrate judge within 30 days of appearance, the magistrate judge will transfer the case to the calendar of the district judge to whom the case was previously assigned. See LR 73.1(f).

(c) Joint Statements of Consent. Parties shall consent to proceed before a magistrate judge by filing a joint statement of consent. ~~The joint statement shall be a form approved by the Executive Committee. Unless the form is completed in open court before the district or magistrate judge, the form shall be filed electronically. The joint statement shall be filed only after all parties have signed it.~~See LR 73.1(c).

Amended ~~May 26, 2006~~October __, 2021

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