

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE UNITED STATES
FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF ALABAMA

**NOTICE OF ASSIGNMENT TO
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE**

This civil case has been randomly assigned to a United States Magistrate Judge of this court. In accordance with 28 U.S.C. 636(c), the Magistrate Judges of this court are designated to conduct any and all proceedings in a jury or nonjury civil case and order the entry of final judgment upon the consent of all parties to a case. Any appeal from a judgment entered by a Magistrate Judge is taken directly to the United States Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit in the same manner as any appeal from any judgment entered in this court.

As a party to this lawsuit, you have the right to consent or decline consent to the jurisdiction of a Magistrate Judge. **Litigants, without concern for any adverse consequences, freely may decline consent to the jurisdiction of a Magistrate Judge.** If you decline consent to the jurisdiction of a Magistrate Judge, this case will be reassigned randomly to a District Judge. To request reassignment return the completed form on the back of this notice to the Clerk of Court, P.O. Box 711, Montgomery, Alabama 36101, so that the Clerk receives the form **not later than 21 days** from the date on this notice. If you indicate your consent by not requesting reassignment you will be asked at a later time to confirm your consent in writing.

This notice was mailed on the ____ day of _____, 20____.

CURTIS CAVER, CLERK

BY: _____

Deputy Clerk