

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
DISTRICT OF CONNECTICUT

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By [Signature]  
Deputy Clerk

**STANDING ORDER REGARDING ASSIGNMENT OF APPEALS OF**  
**SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION DECISIONS**

The parties in an appeal of the decision of the Social Security Administration may choose to file consent to the appeal being decided by a Magistrate Judge of this District, with judgment entered following the Magistrate Judge's decision on the Social Security appeal. Any appeal from the Magistrate Judge's ruling would be to the Second Circuit Court of Appeals.

The defendant, Commissioner of Social Security, has consented to the jurisdiction of a Magistrate Judge with respect to all actions filed in this District, with the right to withdraw such consent upon the filing of the initial response to the Complaint. The plaintiff may file his/her consent anytime from commencement of their case through fourteen (14) days from the defendant's notice of appearance.

If the plaintiff does not consent within the time limit as described above, or if the defendant files a notice withdrawing its consent, the Social Security appeal will then be assigned to a District Judge. Due to the volume of appeals filed in this District, or at the discretion of the Chief Judge, cases may be assigned to a District Judge even when both parties have consented to the jurisdiction of a Magistrate Judge.

Pending random assignment to either a Magistrate Judge or District Judge, all Social Security appeals will be temporarily assigned to the docket of the Chief Judge.

A copy of the Consent Form is attached to this Standing Order.

**SO ORDERED.**

Dated at Hartford, Connecticut, this 1<sup>st</sup> day of November 2022.

/s/ Michael P. Shea  
Michael P. Shea  
Chief Judge United States District Court