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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

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FOR THE DISTRICT OF ARIZONA

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Rawlings Sporting Goods Company, Inc.,
a Delaware corporation,

No. CV-06-2333-PHX-LOA

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Plaintiff,

**NOTICE OF ASSIGNMENT
AND ORDER**

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vs.

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Antioch Sporting Goods, an
unincorporated entity; and Robert
Matteson, an Arizona resident

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Defendants.

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Pursuant to Local Rule 3.8(a), LRCiv, Rules of Practice, effective December 1, 2005, all civil cases are, and will be, randomly assigned to a U.S. district judge or to a U.S. magistrate judge. This matter has been assigned to the undersigned U.S. Magistrate Judge.

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As a result of the aforesaid Local Rule and assignment, if all parties consent in writing, the case will remain with the assigned Magistrate Judge pursuant to 28 U.S.C. 636(c)(1) for all purposes, including trial and final entry of judgment. If any party chooses the district judge option, the case will be randomly reassigned to a U.S. district judge. To either consent to the assigned magistrate judge or to elect to have the case heard before a district judge, the appropriate section of the form, entitled Consent To Exercise Of Jurisdiction By United States Magistrate Judge¹, must be completed, signed and filed. The

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¹The consent/election form may be obtained directly from the Clerk of the Court or by accessing the District of Arizona's web site at www.azd.uscourts.gov. To find the consent/election form on the District's web site, click on "Local Rules" at the top of the page, then click on "Forms" on the left side of the page and then click on and print the appropriate

1 party filing the case or removing it to this Court is responsible for serving all parties with the
2 consent forms. Each party must file a completed consent form and certificate of service with
3 the Clerk of the Court not later than 20 days after entry of appearance, and must serve a copy
4 by mail or hand delivery upon all parties of record in the case.

5 Any party is free to withhold consent to magistrate judge jurisdiction without
6 adverse consequences. 28 U.S.C. 636(c)(2); Rule 73(b), Fed.R.Civ.P.; Anderson v.
7 Woodcreek Venture Ltd., 351 F.3d 911, 913-14 (9th Cir. 2003) (pointing out that consent is
8 the "touchstone of magistrate [judge] jurisdiction" under 28 U.S.C. §636(c).

9 A review of the Court's file indicates that Plaintiff's Complaint was filed on
10 September 29, 2006. Plaintiff shall have until October 20, 2006 within which to make its
11 selection to either consent to magistrate judge jurisdiction or elect to proceed before a United
12 States district judge. It is unknown if a copy of the appropriate consent form electronically
13 transmitted to Plaintiff's counsel on September 29, 2006 by the Clerk's office was served
14 with the Complaint per the written instructions from the Clerk.

15 Accordingly,

16 **IT IS ORDERED** that Plaintiff shall file on or before **October 20, 2006** its
17 written election to either consent to magistrate judge jurisdiction or elect to proceed before
18 a United States district judge.

19 **IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that Plaintiff shall serve upon the Defendants
20 the appropriate consent form provided at the time of the filing of its Complaint at the time
21 of service of its Complaint upon the Defendants.

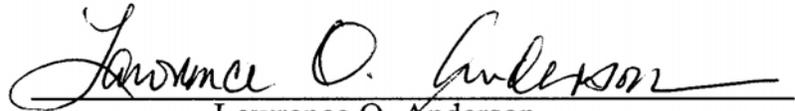
22 **IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that Defendants, and each of them, shall either
23 consent to magistrate judge jurisdiction or elect to proceed before a district judge within
24 twenty (20) days of each Defendant's formal appearance herein.

25 **IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that counsel and any party, if unrepresented,
26 shall hereinafter comply with the Rules of Practice for the United States District Court for

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28 form.

1 the District of Arizona, as amended on December 1, 2005. The District's Rules of Practice
2 may be found on the District Court's internet web page at www.azd.uscourts.gov/.
3 All other rules may be found as www.uscourts.gov/rules/. The fact that a party is acting pro
4 se does not discharge this party's duties to "abide by the rules of the court in which he
5 litigates." Carter v. Commissioner of Internal Revenue, 784 F.2d 1006, 1008 (9th Cir. 1986).

6 DATED this 3rd day of October, 2006.

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9 Lawrence O. Anderson
United States Magistrate Judge

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