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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF ARIZONA

Patrice Bjornstad as trustee of The Thomas
and Isis Davidson Family Trust, on behalf
of Isis Davidson,

Plaintiff,

vs.

Senior American Life Insurance Company,
a foreign corporation; Black Corporations
I-X; White Partnerships I-X; John Does I-
X and Jane Does I-X,

Defendants.

No. CV-08-0248-PHX-LOA

**NOTICE OF ASSIGNMENT
AND ORDER**

Pursuant to Local Rule ("LRCiv") 3.8(a), Rules of Practice, effective
December 1, 2007, 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.

As a result of the aforesaid Local Rule, 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

1 Jurisdiction By United States Magistrate Judge¹, must be completed, signed and filed.
2 The party filing the case or removing it to this Court is responsible for serving all parties
3 with the consent forms. Each party must file a completed consent form and certificate of
4 service with the Clerk of the Court not later than 20 days after entry of appearance, and
5 must serve a copy by mail or hand delivery upon all parties of record in the case.

6 Any party is free to withhold consent to magistrate judge jurisdiction
7 without adverse consequences. 28 U.S.C. 636(c)(2); Rule 73(b), Fed.R.Civ.P.; *Anderson*
8 *v. Woodcreek Venture Ltd.*, 351 F.3d 911, 913-14 (9th Cir. 2003) (pointing out that
9 consent is the "touchstone of magistrate judge jurisdiction" under 28 U.S.C. §636(c). "A
10 party to a federal civil case has, subject to some exceptions, a constitutional right to
11 proceed before an Article III judge." *Dixon v. Ylst*, 990 F.2d 478, 479 (9th Cir. 1993)
12 (citing *Pacemaker Diagnostic Clinic of Am. Inc. v. Instromedix, Inc.*, 725 F.2d 537, 541
13 (9th Cir. 1984) (*en banc*)).

14 A review of the Court's file indicates that Defendant Senior American Life
15 Insurance Company filed a Notice of Removal on February 7, 2008.

16 Defendant shall have until **February 29, 2008**, within which to make its
17 selection to either consent to magistrate judge jurisdiction or elect to proceed before a
18 U. S. district judge. The Court's docket reflects the appropriate consent form was
19 electronically transmitted to all counsel on February 7, 2008 by the Clerk's office.

20 Accordingly,

21 **IT IS ORDERED** that the Defendant Senior American Life Insurance
22 Company shall file on or before **February 29, 2008** its written election to either consent
23 to magistrate judge jurisdiction or elect to proceed before a United States district judge.

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

