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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF ARIZONA

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James Oliver

No. CV-06-2429-PCT-LOA

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Plaintiff,

**NOTICE OF ASSIGNMENT  
AND ORDER**

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vs.

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Mr. Chris Long;

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Ms. Sandra Wagner,

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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 Judge<sup>1</sup>, must be completed, signed and filed. The

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<sup>1</sup>The 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](http://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 form.

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 (9<sup>th</sup> 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 August 3, 2006. Plaintiff shall have until August 24, 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 August 3, 2006 by the Clerk's office was served with the  
14 Complaint per the written instructions from the Clerk.

15 Accordingly,

16 **IT IS ORDERED** that Plaintiff shall file on or before **November 3, 2006** his  
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 mailed to Plaintiff on October 12, 2006 at the time of service  
21 of his Complaint upon the Defendants.

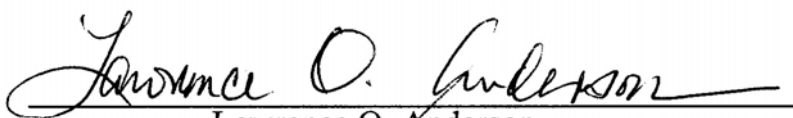
22 **IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that Defendants, and each of them, shall either  
23 consent to magistrate judge jurisdiction or elect to proceed before a district judge within  
24 twenty (20) days of each Defendant's formal appearance herein.

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  
27 the District of Arizona, as amended on December 1, 2005. The District's Rules of Practice  
28 may be found on the District Court's internet web page at [www.azd.uscourts.gov/](http://www.azd.uscourts.gov/).

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All other rules may be found as [www.uscourts.gov/rules/](http://www.uscourts.gov/rules/). The fact that a party is acting pro se does not discharge this party's duties to "abide by the rules of the court in which he litigates." Carter v. Commissioner of Internal Revenue, 784 F.2d 1006, 1008 (9<sup>th</sup> Cir. 1986).

DATED this 18<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2006.

  
Lawrence O. Anderson  
United States Magistrate Judge