

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN  
SOUTHERN DIVISION**

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WILLIAM McKINNEY,

Plaintiff,

v.

Case No. 09-15027

GREAT AMERICAN INSURANCE COMPANY &  
UNITED STATES FIRE INSURANCE  
COMPANY,

Defendants.

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**OPINION AND ORDER STRIKING NOTICE OF CONSENT  
OF REFERENCE TO MAGISTRATE JUDGE**

On December 30, 2009, Plaintiff filed a court-supplied form titled "Notice, Consent, and Reference of a Civil Action to a Magistrate Judge." The Notice was signed only by the Plaintiff. All parties must consent to the reference. Fed. R. Civ. P. 73. Moreover, as stated in the Notice, the name of any party withholding consent should not be revealed. Filing a Notice signed by only one party is therefore improper and premature. Accordingly,

IT IS ORDERED that Plaintiff's "Notice, Consent, and Reference of a Civil Action to a Magistrate Judge" [Dkt. # 4] is STRICKEN.

s/Robert H. Cleland  
ROBERT H. CLELAND  
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

Dated: January 11, 2010

I hereby certify that a copy of the foregoing document was mailed to counsel of record on this date, January 11, 2010, by electronic and/or ordinary mail.

s/Lisa Wagner  
Case Manager and Deputy Clerk  
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