

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

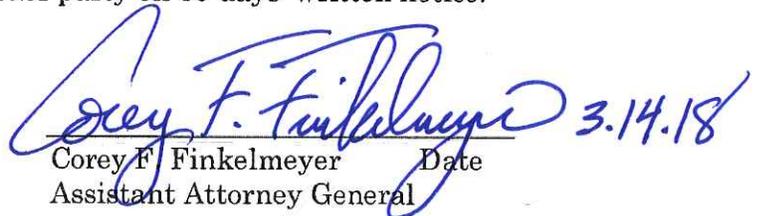
LIMITED CONSENT TO MAGISTRATE JUDGE JURISDICTION  
TO CONDUCT INITIAL CASE SCREENING

1. This Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) is between the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Wisconsin and the Wisconsin Department of Justice.
2. This MoU pertains to civil cases involving exclusively a defendant Wisconsin state employee or entity that is sued by a private plaintiff who is either (1) incarcerated and asserting a cause of action under 42 U.S.C. § 1983 that must be initially screened by the District Court under 28 U.S.C. § 1915A; or (2) is not incarcerated but requests in forma pauperis status, a request that must be initially screened by the District Court under 28 U.S.C. §§ 1915(a) & 1915(e)(2)(B).
3. In cases described in paragraph 2, the Department of Justice hereby enters a limited consent to the exercise of jurisdiction by United States Magistrate Judges to: (1) conduct the initial screen described in 28 U.S.C. § 1915A and 28 U.S.C. §§ 1915(a) & 1915(e)(2)(B), *see* 28 U.S.C. § 636(c) and Fed. R. Civ. P. 73; (2) determine in the initial screen a motion for injunctive relief, *see* 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1)(A); (3) determine in the initial screen a request for maintenance of a class action, *see id.*; and (4) involuntarily dismiss an action before the initial screen, *see id.*
4. If any part of the case survives initial screening, then the appropriate entity within the Department of Justice will be served with the complaint and will be provided the opportunity either to consent to the continued exercise of jurisdiction by the Magistrate Judge who conducted the initial screen or to refuse consent, in which instance the case will be randomly reassigned to a United States District Judge for final adjudication.
5. Both the Department of Justice and the District Court understand that, under Fed. R. Civ. P. 73(b)(2), the Department and its Assistant Attorneys General may refuse consent without adverse substantive consequences.
6. This MoU may be terminated by either party on 60 days' written notice.

 Stephen C. Dries 8/18/17

Stephen C. Dries  
Clerk of Court

Date

 Corey F. Finkelmeyer 3.14.18

Corey F. Finkelmeyer Date  
Assistant Attorney General