

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF PUERTO RICO**

In the Matter of:

**Consent to proceed before Magistrate
Judge**

STANDING ORDER

Consenting to a Magistrate Judge is more likely to lead to a swifter, firmer trial date, resulting in less expense, less demands on witnesses and . . . resources, and a greater incentive for parties to consider settlement . . . One major difference makes the Magistrate Judge docket a preferred one for corporate[, government, individual, and other] clients: the absence of felony jury trials and the consequent speed of civil litigation and firmness of trial dates.

Michael J. Bolton, Choosing to Consent to a Magistrate Judge, THE FEDERAL LAWYER 92 (May/June 2014).

The court would like to see this case resolved as expeditiously as possible and is confident that a magistrate judge could resolve the matter quickly, as the undersigned has a heavy criminal docket. By joint motion, the parties shall inform the court whether they consent to proceed before a magistrate judge on or before the initial scheduling conference, and it may be done in the joint ISC memorandum.

SO ORDERED.

In San Juan, Puerto Rico this 1st day of August, 2014.

s/ Gustavo A. Gelpí
GUSTAVO A. GELPI
United States District Judge