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NOTICE TO THE BAR

July 24, 2026

**CONSENT TO MAGISTRATE JUDGE JURISDICTION IN SOCIAL SECURITY
APPEALS**

In a May 4, 2026 Notice to the Bar, this District welcomed Magistrate Judge Cheryl L. Pollak to our Court. Judge Pollak is a distinguished retired Judge from the Eastern District of New York who has been recalled to assist with our substantial Social Security Appeal (“SSA”) docket. She has been tasked solely with handling SSA matters for plaintiffs who consent to Magistrate Judge jurisdiction and is already making inroads for the Court and its SSA litigants.

As a reminder, under 28 U.S.C. § 636(c) and Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 73, parties may consent to have a social security appeal reassigned to a Recall Magistrate Judge for resolution. The United States Attorney's Office for the District of New Jersey and the Social Security Administration have so consented; in fact, they have indicated a standing consent to Magistrate Jurisdiction in these cases.

Please be mindful that the Clerk’s Office is reviewing, and will continue to review, the docket to identify SSA cases that are fully briefed and ripe for disposition. After so identifying, the Clerk’s Office will post a proposed consent form in such matters. Your consent to Magistrate Judge jurisdiction will ensure a more prompt resolution. Please complete consent forms within fourteen (14) days of the posting date.

For the Court

Renée Marie Bumb
Chief U.S. District Judge