

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF
CALIFORNIA

Rodionova v. Qatar Airways Group (Q.C.S.C.), et al.

Rodionova · No. 25-cv-05838-TSH · Decided July 30, 2025

SUMMARY

The United States District Court for the Northern District of California addresses Plaintiff Iana Rodionova’s attempted withdrawal of consent to magistrate judge jurisdiction. The court explains that withdrawal requires a showing of good cause or extraordinary circumstances and directs Plaintiff to file a motion by August 13, 2025, which will be referred to the general duty judge.

CASE DETAILS

COURT	United States District Court for the Northern District of California
WRITING FOR THE COURT	Thomas S. Hixson
JURISDICTION	United States District Court for the Northern District of California
DECIDED	July 30, 2025
DOCKET	25-cv-05838-TSH
DISPOSITION	other
PROCEDURAL POSTURE	Plaintiff initially consented to magistrate-judge jurisdiction and later filed a declination and request for reassignment to a district judge. The court addressed the procedure for seeking withdrawal of that consent.
PRECEDENTIAL VALUE	Unpublished district-court order; precedential status unknown
PARTIES	Iana Rodionova v. Qatar Airways Group (Q.C.S.C.), et al.

TOPICS

civil procedure

PRACTICE AREAS

civil procedure

QUESTIONS PRESENTED

- Whether a party that has consented to magistrate-judge jurisdiction may withdraw that consent as of right.

2. What procedure and showing are required for plaintiff to seek withdrawal of her consent to magistrate-judge jurisdiction.

HOLDINGS

1. A party has no absolute right to withdraw consent to trial and other proceedings before a magistrate judge after consenting to that jurisdiction.
2. After consenting to magistrate-judge jurisdiction, a party may withdraw consent only upon a district judge's finding of good cause shown on the judge's own motion or extraordinary circumstances shown by a party. Plaintiff must file a motion to withdraw consent, which will be referred to the general duty judge.

KEY QUOTATIONS

“There is no absolute right, in a civil case, to withdraw consent to trial and other proceedings before a magistrate judge.” (at 1)

FACTUAL BACKGROUND

Iana Rodionova consented to the jurisdiction of a magistrate judge in this civil action. She later sought to decline magistrate-judge jurisdiction and requested reassignment to a district judge.

PROCEDURAL HISTORY

Plaintiff filed her consent to magistrate-judge jurisdiction on July 10, 2025. On July 28, 2025, she filed a declination and requested reassignment. The court ordered that any request to withdraw consent be made by motion by August 13, 2025, and stated that the motion would be referred to the general duty judge.

DISPOSITION

other

CASES CITED

- Williams v. King, 875 F.3d 500, 503-04 (9th Cir. 2017)
- Dixon v. Ylst, 990 F.2d 478, 480 (9th Cir. 1993)
- Branch v. Umphenour, 936 F.3d 994, 1001-02 (9th Cir. 2019)

OPINION

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PER CURIAM.

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4 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

5 NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

6 7 IANA RODIONOVA, Case No. 25-cv-05838-TSH 8 Plaintiff,

ORDER RE: CONSENT TO
9 v. MAGISTRATE JUDGE
JURISDICTION

10 QATAR AIRWAYS GROUP (Q.C.S.C.), et

al., Re: Dkt. No. 11 11 Defendants. 12 13 On July 10, 2025, 2025, Plaintiff Iana Rodionova filed a
consent to magistrate judge 14 jurisdiction. ECF No. 4. However, on July 28, 2025, Plaintiff filed
a declination to proceed 15 before a magistrate judge and request for reassignment to a district
judge. ECF No. 11. 16 28 U.S.C. § 636(c)(1) requires the consent of all parties for “jurisdiction to
vest in the 17 magistrate judge.” Williams v. King, 875 F.3d 500, 503-04 (9th Cir. 2017). “There is
no absolute 18 right, in a civil case, to withdraw consent to trial and other proceedings before a
magistrate judge.” 19 Dixon v. Ylst, 990 F.2d 478, 480 (9th Cir. 2003) (citations omitted). After
consenting to the 20 jurisdiction of a magistrate judge, a party’s consent may only be withdrawn
by a district judge for 21 “good cause shown on its own motion, or under extraordinary
circumstances shown by any party.” 22 Branch v. Umphenour, 936 F.3d 994, 1001-02 (9th Cir.
2019) (quoting 28 U.S.C. § 636(c)(4)); see 23 also Fed. R. Civ. P. 73(b)(3) (“On its own for good
cause--or when a party shows extraordinary 24 circumstances--the district judge may vacate a
referral to a magistrate judge under this rule.”). 25 Thus, if Plaintiff seeks to withdraw the July 10,
2025 consent, Plaintiff must file a motion to 26 withdraw consent by August 13, 2025. The Court
will refer any such motion to withdraw consent 27 to the general duty judge for resolution. 1 the
San Francisco courthouse, a service offered by the Justice & Diversity Center of the Bar 2 ||
Association of San Francisco. You may request an appointment by emailing fedpro@sfbar.org or 3
calling 415-782-8982. The Legal Help Center will not represent you as your lawyer, but you will 4
|| be able to speak with an attorney who may be able to provide basic legal help. More information
5 is available at <https://www.cand.uscourts.gov/pro-se-litigants/>. 6 Plaintiff may also wish to
obtain a copy of this District’s Handbook for Litigants Without a 7 Lawyer, which provides
instructions on how to proceed at every stage of your case. The 8 || handbook is available in person
at the Clerk’s Office and online at: 9 || <https://www.cand.uscourts.gov/pro-se-litigants/>. 10 IT IS
SO ORDERED. 11 a 12 Dated: July 30, 2025 □

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THOMAS S. HIXSON

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