

MJR 5. SPECIAL MASTER REFERENCES

In accordance with 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(2), a full-time magistrate judge, upon reference by a district judge, may:

- (a)** Serve as special master pursuant to Rule 53 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure;
- (b)** Serve as special master to try the issues in employment discrimination cases under Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended [42 U.S.C. § 2000(e)(5)(F)(5)], without regard to the provisions of Rule 53(b), whenever the district judge determines that the case could not be scheduled for trial within one hundred and twenty (120) days after issue is joined;
- (c)** Serve as special master to try the issues in any civil case upon consent of the parties, without regard to the provisions of Rule 53(b).

In any civil case in which a full-time magistrate judge serves as a special master, the entry of final judgment shall be made by or at the direction of a district judge.

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