

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA
CASE NO. 06-21265-CIV-SEITZ/O'SULLIVAN

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF
FLORIDA, et al.,

Plaintiffs,

v.

SUE M. COBB, et al.,

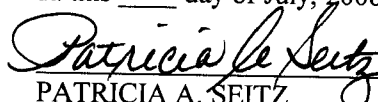
Defendants.

NOTICE TO PARTIES AND DIRECTIONS TO CLERK OF COURT

THIS MATTER is before the Court *sua sponte*. By docket entry 89, the Court referred Plaintiffs' verified motion for and award of attorneys' fees and costs [DE 86] to Magistrate Judge O'Sullivan. In the event the parties choose not to consent to his jurisdiction to dispose fully of the motion,¹ the Court, in an effort to provide the greatest amount of candor, fairness, and communication to the litigants, hereby notifies the Parties that on June 25, 2008, the undersigned swore in the Officers of League of Women Voters, Miami-Dade County Chapter, because of her longstanding acquaintance with the President, Anne Betancourt. While such action does not constitute grounds for recusal under 28 U.S.C. § 455, the Court wanted to ensure that the Parties in this case were aware of this fact directly from the Court. If any Party perceives that they will be unfairly prejudiced by this action, it is

ORDERED THAT such Party shall file a Notice with the Clerk of the Court, under seal, no later than **July 14, 2008**. The Clerk of the Court shall notify the Court if any Party has filed an objection, but shall not advise this Court of the identity of the objecting Party. If the Court receives no notice from the Clerk or the parties do not elect Magistrate Judge jurisdiction, the Court will continue to preside over the instant matter.

DONE AND ORDERED in Miami, Florida this 2nd day of July, 2008.


PATRICIA A. SEITZ

UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

cc:
Magistrate Judge O'Sullivan
All counsel of record

¹ To consent to Magistrate Judge O'Sullivan jurisdiction to fully dispose of the motion, the parties should execute and file the attached Election to Jurisdiction by a United States Magistrate Judge form.

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ELECTION TO JURISDICTION BY A UNITED STATES
MAGISTRATE JUDGE FOR FINAL DISPOSITION OF PLAINTIFFS' VERIFIED MOTION FOR
AN AWARD OF ATTORNEYS' FEES AND COSTS

In accordance with the provisions of 28 U.S.C. 636(c), the undersigned parties to the above-captioned civil matter hereby jointly and voluntarily elect to have a United States Magistrate Judge decide the following motion and issue a final order or judgment with respect thereto:

- **Plaintiffs' verified motion for an award of attorneys' fees and costs [DE 86].**

(Date)

(Signature-Plaintiff's Counsel)

(Date)

(Signature-Plaintiff's Counsel)

(Date)

(Signature-Defendant's Counsel)

(Date)

(Signature-Defendant's Counsel)