**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**
**CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA**

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| FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION<br>PLAINTIFF(S),<br>v.<br>ASCEND CAPVENTURES INC., et al.<br>DEFENDANT(S). | CASE NUMBER:<br>2:24−cv−07660−SPG−JPR *SEALED*<br><br>**Notice to Counsel Re Consent to Proceed Before a United States Magistrate Judge** |

The parties are advised they may consent to proceed before any available magistrate judge participating in the Voluntary Consent to Magistrate Judges Program to conduct all further proceedings in the case pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 636(c) and Federal Rules of Civil Procedure 73. The consent list and consent form are available on the court's website at http://www.cacd.uscourts.gov/judges-requirements/court-programs/voluntary-consent-magistrate-judges-program. To confirm a particular magistrate judge's availability to schedule the trial in the time frame desired by the parties and/or willingness to accommodate any other special requests of the parties, please contact the magistrate judge's courtroom deputy prior to filing the consent.

Since magistrate judges do not handle felony criminal trials, civil trial dates are not at risk of being preempted by a felony criminal trial, which normally has priority. Further, in some cases, the magistrate judge may be able to assign an earlier trial date than a district judge. The parties can select a participating Magistrate Judge from any of the three divisions in the Central District of California. There may be other advantages or disadvantages which you will want to consider.

The plaintiff or removing party must serve this Notice on each named party in the case.