

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ALABAMA  
SOUTHERN DIVISION**

DAVID PHILLIPS, et al.	)	
	)	
Plaintiffs,	)	
	)	
v.	)	Case No. 2:16-cv-00837-JEO
	)	
HOBBY LOBBY STORES, INC.,	)	
	)	
Defendant.	)	

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STEVEN D. MARCRUM,	)	
	)	
Plaintiff,	)	
	)	
v.	)	Case No. 2:18-cv-01645-MHH
	)	
HOBBY LOBBY STORES, INC.	)	
	)	
Defendant.	)	

**ORDER**

The court has before it the joint motion to consolidate and consent to magistrate filed by the parties. (Doc. 82). The parties seek to consolidate the case *Marcrum v. Hobby Lobby Stores, Inc.*, Case No. 2:18-cv-01645-MHH with *David Phillips, et al. v. Hobby Lobby Stores, Inc.*, Case No. 2:16-cv-00837-JEO. The parties consent to the jurisdiction of the undersigned for the consolidated case. (*Id.*). Because these actions “involve a common question of law or fact,” Fed. R.

Civ. P. 42(a), and the parties welcome consolidation and consent to the jurisdiction of the undersigned magistrate judge, the joint motion to consolidate is **GRANTED**. The Clerk is **DIRECTED** to reassign 2:18-cv-01645 to the undersigned.

The parties **SHALL** file all documents in the lead case, 2:16-cv-00837-JEO. The court will not consider documents filed in 2:18-cv-01645. Every document filed in this consolidated matter must include the case number of both cases.

**DATED** this 25th day of October, 2018.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John E. Ott" with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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**JOHN E. OTT**  
Chief United States Magistrate Judge