

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
MIDDLE DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA

IN RE: APPLICATION FOR
EXEMPTION FROM THE
ELECTRONIC PUBLIC
ACCESS FEES BY
BRENT JOHNSON

GENERAL ORDER NO. 2020-15

GENERAL ORDER

Before the Court is the application and request by Brent Johnson for exemption from the fees imposed by the Electronic Public Access fee schedule adopted by the Judicial Conference of the United States Courts.

The Court finds that Brent Johnson, as an individual researcher associated with an educational institution, falls within the class of users listed in the fee schedule as being eligible for fee exemption. Additionally, Brent Johnson has demonstrated that having a significant reduction in the law library budget this current year, an exemption from PACER fees for this purpose would help the library fulfill its mission of supporting the faculty in their scholarly works. Accordingly, Brent Johnson shall be exempt from the payment of fees for access via PACER to the electronic case files maintained in this court, to the extent such use is incurred as a law librarian working with a law professor at Widener University Commonwealth School of Law professor with her immigration case research for a forthcoming scholarly article she is working on. The nature of her research involves tracking the number of immigration cases filed in the U.S. District Courts that have specific Nature of Suit (NOS) codes and specific Cause of Action identifiers to better understand the success and failure rates of these particular types of immigration cases, and also see

if trends can be identified on how the Courts decide whether to hear these types of cases during different time periods.

Additionally, the following limitations apply:

1. This fee exemption applies only to Brent Johnson and is valid only for the purposes stated above;
2. This fee exemption applies only to the electronic files of this court that are available through the PACER system;
3. By accepting this exemption, Brent Johnson agrees not to sell for profit any data obtained as a result of receiving this exemption;
4. Brent Johnson is prohibited from transferring any data obtained as result of receiving this exemption, including redistribution via internet-based databases;
5. This exemption is valid from August 1, 2020 to July 31, 2021.

This exemption may be revoked at the discretion of the Court at any time. A copy of this Order shall be sent to the PACER Service Center.

Baton Rouge, Louisiana, this 24th day of August, 2020.



SHELLY D. DICK, CHIEF JUDGE
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