## UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT MIDDLE DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA

IN RE: WAIVER OF PACER FEES

GENERAL ORDER NO: 2015- 01

## ORDER

The matter before the Court is 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 those attorneys appointed to the Middle District of Louisiana's Civil Pro Bono Project Panel fall within the class of users listed in the fee schedule as being eligible for a fee exemption and an exemption is necessary in order to avoid unreasonable burdens and to promote public access to information.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that members of the Civil Pro Bono Panel will be authorized an exemption from the payment of PACER fees to access those civil cases in which a Magistrate Judge has ordered appointment of counsel in accordance with the Civil Pro Bono Program. This fee exemption applies only to the electronic case files of this court that are available through the PACER system, to the extent such use is incurred in the course of the performance of the Civil Pro Bono Project. Panel attorneys shall not be exempt from the payment of fees incurred in connection with other uses of the PACER system in this court.

As appointments are made the PACER Service Center will be provided the names

of those attorneys who will be allowed PACER fee exemption along with the case number and the duration of the fee exemption. Panel attorneys who are granted the fee exemption shall not sell for profit any data obtained as a result of receiving this exemption. In addition Panel Attorneys are prohibited from transferring any data obtained as a result of receiving this exemption, including redistribution via internet based databases.

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 16th of March, 2015.

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BRIAN A. JACKSON, CHIEF JUDGE UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE