

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN

IN RE: APPLICATION FOR EXEMPTION
FROM THE ELECTRONIC PUBLIC
ACCESS FEES BY NIKOLAOS PASSAS

Administrative Order
No. 22-MS-104

This matter is before the Court upon the application and request by Nikolaos Passas 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 Nikolaos Passas, a Professor at Northeastern University of Criminology and Criminal Justice, falls within the class of users listed in the fee schedule as being eligible for a fee exemption. Additionally, Passas has demonstrated that an exemption is necessary in order to avoid unreasonable burdens and to promote public access to information in order to complete his doctoral research.

Accordingly, Passas 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 in the course of researching cases that involve ways of disrupting illegal medical supply chains through new technologies. He requires access to case records to provide insight into the communications, methods of payments and transportation of these networks.

Passas shall not be exempt from the payment of fees incurred in connection with other uses of the PACER system in this Court. Additionally, the following limitations apply:

1. This fee exemption applies only to Nikolaos Passas (PACER Account #7325316), and is valid only for the purposes stated above;
2. This fee exemption applies only to the electronic case files of this Court that are available through the PACER system;


3. By accepting this exemption, Passas agrees not to sell for profit any data obtained as a result of receiving this exemption;
4. Passas is prohibited from transferring any data obtained as a result of receiving this exemption, including redistribution via internet-based databases;
5. This exemption is valid until September 30, 2023.

This Order 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.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

FOR THE COURT:

Dated: December 5, 2022



HALA Y. JARBOU
CHIEF UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE