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GENERAL ORDER NO. 2017-3

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO**

PACER FEE EXEMPTION FOR
TOWARDS EMPLOYMENT

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Towards Employment, a 501(c)(3) non-profit job training and development program has requested a PACER fee exemption. The Court finds that Towards Employment falls within the class of users listed in the fee schedule as being eligible for an exemption. Additionally, Towards Employment has demonstrated that an exemption is necessary in order to avoid unreasonable burdens and to promote public access to information.

Accordingly, Towards Employment 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 the project described in its letter. Towards Employment 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:

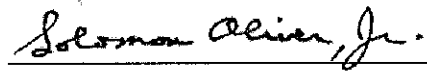
1. This fee exemption applies only to Towards Employment and is valid only for the purposes stated in the attached letter from Towards Employment;
2. this fee exemption applies only to the electronic case files of this Court that are available through the PACER system;
3. by accepting this exemption, Towards Employment agrees not to sell for profit any data obtained as a result of receiving this exemption;
4. Towards Employment is prohibited from transferring any data obtained as a result of receiving this exemption; and
5. this exemption is valid until April 30, 2018.

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, which should establish a PACER account with a fee exemption to access the records of the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Ohio for:

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IT IS SO ORDERED.

For the Court



Solomon Oliver, Jr.
Chief Judge
United States District Court



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March 22, 2017

The Honorable Solomon Oliver, Jr. Chief Judge
United States District Court, Northern District of Ohio
Carl B. Stokes-United States Court House
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Re. Exemption from PACER fees

Dear Judge Oliver:

I am writing in my capacity as Director of Legal Services at Towards Employment, in hopes that the Court will consider waiving PACER fees for our organization pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1914. Our previous exemption order will expire on April 30, 2017.

Towards Employment, Inc., is a 501(C)(3) non-profit job training and development program which seeks to secure full-time employment with health care benefits for welfare dependent families and individuals that have been involved with the criminal justice system. We offer free legal services to our participants as part of a multi-faceted approach which has determined that most poverty level individuals and families have unresolved legal issues that may cause barriers to obtain or retain employment. Many of our clients have legal barriers involving financial and credit problems that sometimes end up before your Court.

28 U.S.C. §1914 provides that, "courts may, upon a showing of cause, exempt indigents, bankruptcy case trustees, individual researchers associated with educational institutions, courts, section 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organizations and pro bono ADR neutrals from payment of these fees." I hope that you will take into consideration the fact that Towards Employment is a non-profit organization providing free legal services to a population that needs them most, and find reason to grant an exemption from PACER fees.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions, or if you need any additional information or documentation.

Very Truly Yours,

Mark S. Gallagher
Legal Services Director