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United States District Court  
Northern District of Ohio  
General Order**GENERAL ORDER NO. 2023-04****UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO**PACER FEE EXEMPTION FOR  
DAVID TAN)  
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ORDER NO. 2023-04

David Tan, an Associate Professor with the University of Washington, has submitted a request for a PACER fee exemption from the fees imposed by the Electronic Public Access fee schedule adopted by the Judicial Conference of the United States Courts. The applicant falls within the class of users listed in the fee schedule as being eligible for a fee exemption on the basis that he is performing academic research. Additionally, the applicant has demonstrated that an exemption is necessary in order to avoid unreasonable burdens and to promote public access to information.

Accordingly, the applicant 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 local government litigation against opioid firms, and specifically why some local governments and not others decided to bring litigation against opioid manufacturers, distributors, and retailers. The applicant 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 the applicant 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, the applicant agrees not to sell for profit any data obtained as a result of receiving this exemption.
4. The applicant 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 December 31, 2027.

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 provide applicant's PACER Account No. 4497127 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



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Patricia A. Gaughan  
Chief Judge