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United States District Court  
Northern District of Ohio  
General Order**GENERAL ORDER NO. 2024-03****UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO**PACER FEE EXEMPTIONS FOR  
EDWARD K. CHENG,  
HILLEL BAVLI, AND  
KATHRYN E. POWELL)  
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ORDER NO. 2024-03

Edward K. Cheng, a Hess Professor of Law associated with Vanderbilt University; Hillel Bavli, an Associate Professor of Law associated with Southern Methodist University; and Kathryn E. Powell, a law student associated with Vanderbilt University; have submitted requests for PACER fee exemptions from the fees imposed by the Electronic Public Access fee schedule adopted by the Judicial Conference of the United States Courts. The applicants fall within the class of users listed in the fee schedule as being eligible for a fee exemption on the basis that the applicants are performing academic research. Additionally, the applicants have demonstrated that an exemption is necessary in order to avoid unreasonable burdens and to promote public access to information.

Accordingly, the applicants 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 the frequency of special verdicts and its changes every four years between 1991-2023. The applicants 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. The fee exemptions apply only to the applicants and are valid only for the purposes stated above.
2. The fee exemptions apply only to the electronic case files of this Court that are available through the PACER system.
3. By accepting the exemptions, the applicants agree not to sell for profit any data obtained as a result of receiving the exemptions.
4. The applicants are prohibited from transferring any data obtained as a result of receiving the exemptions, including redistribution via internet-based databases.
5. The exemptions are valid until June 1, 2025.

The exemptions 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 applicants' PACER accounts with fee exemptions 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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Sara Lioi  
Chief Judge