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United States District Court  
Northern District of Ohio  
General Order**GENERAL ORDER NO. 2025-18****UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO**PACER FEE EXEMPTION FOR  
STEFAN SAVAGE)  
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ORDER NO. 2025-18

Stefan Savage, a professor associated with the University of California at San Diego, 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 the applicant 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 the use of GenAI in federal trial courts by empirically measuring the incidents of “hallucinated” legal citations in the contemporary period (2025) versus the control period before the introduction of GenAI tool (2019). 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:

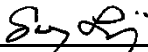
1. The fee exemption applies only to the applicant and is valid only for the purposes stated above.
2. The fee exemption applies only to the electronic case files of this Court that are available through the PACER system.
3. By accepting the exemption, the applicant agrees not to sell for profit any data obtained as a result of receiving the exemption.
4. The applicant is prohibited from transferring any data obtained as a result of receiving the exemption, including redistribution via internet-based databases.
5. The exemption is valid until August 19, 2026.

The 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 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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Sara Lioi  
Chief Judge