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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF GEORGIA

IN RE: Application for Exemption from the Electronic Public Access Fees by )  
OLUWASEUN CARDOSO )

STANDING ORDER MC 120- **MC 123 - 014**

This matter is before the Court upon the application and request by OLUWASEUN CARDOSO 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 OLUWASEUN CARDOSO as an individual researcher associated with an educational institution falls within the class of users listed in the fee schedule as being eligible for a fee exemption. Additionally, OLUWASEUN CARDOSO has demonstrated that an exemption is necessary in order to avoid unreasonable burdens and to promote public access to information. Accordingly, OLUWASEUN CARDOSO 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 for research related to training a machine to simulate a judge's decision using artificial intelligence on civil case dockets.

OLUWASEUN CARDOSO 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 OLUWASEUN CARDOSO 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, OLUWASEUN CARDOSO agrees not to sell for profit any data obtained as a result of receiving this exemption;
4. OLUWASEUN CARDOSO is prohibited from transferring any data obtained as a result of receiving this exemption, including redistribution via internet-based databases; and
5. This exemption is valid until August 18, 2023.

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.

Dated this 24th day of May, 2023

J. RANDAL HALL  
Chief United States District Judge

**Application for Multi-Court Exemption from the  
Judicial Conference's Electronic Public Access (EPA) Fees**

1.) I am requesting an exemption from fees for public access to electronic case records for the courts selected below:

**Courts of Appeal**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> All Courts of Appeal | <input type="checkbox"/> Seventh Circuit  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> First Circuit        | <input type="checkbox"/> Eighth Circuit   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Second Circuit       | <input type="checkbox"/> Ninth Circuit    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Third Circuit        | <input type="checkbox"/> Tenth Circuit    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fourth Circuit       | <input type="checkbox"/> Eleventh Circuit |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fifth Circuit        | <input type="checkbox"/> D.C. Circuit     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sixth Circuit        | <input type="checkbox"/> Federal Circuit  |

**Bankruptcy Appellate Panels (BAP)**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> First Circuit - BAP  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sixth Circuit - BAP  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Eighth Circuit - BAP |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ninth Circuit - BAP  |
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**District Courts**

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> All District Courts |   |   |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Alabama Middle                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Illinois Northern    | <input type="checkbox"/> Nebraska                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Rhode Island           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Alabama Northern               | <input type="checkbox"/> Illinois Central     | <input type="checkbox"/> Nevada                   | <input type="checkbox"/> South Carolina         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Alabama Southern               | <input type="checkbox"/> Illinois Southern    | <input type="checkbox"/> New Hampshire            | <input type="checkbox"/> South Dakota           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Alaska                         | <input type="checkbox"/> Indiana Northern     | <input type="checkbox"/> New Jersey               | <input type="checkbox"/> Tennessee Eastern      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Arizona                        | <input type="checkbox"/> Indiana Southern     | <input type="checkbox"/> New Mexico               | <input type="checkbox"/> Tennessee Middle       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Arkansas Eastern               | <input type="checkbox"/> Iowa Northern        | <input type="checkbox"/> New York Eastern         | <input type="checkbox"/> Tennessee Western      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Arkansas Western               | <input type="checkbox"/> Iowa Southern        | <input type="checkbox"/> New York Northern        | <input type="checkbox"/> Texas Eastern          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> California Central             | <input type="checkbox"/> Kansas               | <input type="checkbox"/> New York Southern        | <input type="checkbox"/> Texas Northern         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> California Eastern             | <input type="checkbox"/> Kentucky Eastern     | <input type="checkbox"/> New York Western         | <input type="checkbox"/> Texas Southern         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> California Northern            | <input type="checkbox"/> Kentucky Western     | <input type="checkbox"/> North Carolina Eastern   | <input type="checkbox"/> Texas Western          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> California Southern            | <input type="checkbox"/> Louisiana Eastern    | <input type="checkbox"/> North Carolina Middle    | <input type="checkbox"/> Utah                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Colorado                       | <input type="checkbox"/> Louisiana Middle     | <input type="checkbox"/> North Carolina Western   | <input type="checkbox"/> Vermont                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Connecticut                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Louisiana Western    | <input type="checkbox"/> North Dakota             | <input type="checkbox"/> Virgin Islands         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Delaware                       | <input type="checkbox"/> Maine                | <input type="checkbox"/> Northern Mariana Islands | <input type="checkbox"/> Virginia Eastern       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> District of Columbia           | <input type="checkbox"/> Maryland             | <input type="checkbox"/> Ohio Northern            | <input type="checkbox"/> Virginia Western       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Florida Middle                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Massachusetts        | <input type="checkbox"/> Ohio Southern            | <input type="checkbox"/> Washington Eastern     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Florida Northern               | <input type="checkbox"/> Michigan Eastern     | <input type="checkbox"/> Oklahoma Eastern         | <input type="checkbox"/> Washington Western     |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Georgia Northern               | <input type="checkbox"/> Minnesota            | <input type="checkbox"/> Oklahoma Western         | <input type="checkbox"/> West Virginia Southern |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Georgia Southern               | <input type="checkbox"/> Mississippi Southern | <input type="checkbox"/> Pennsylvania Eastern     | <input type="checkbox"/> Wisconsin Western      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Guam                           | <input type="checkbox"/> Missouri Eastern     | <input type="checkbox"/> Pennsylvania Middle      | <input type="checkbox"/> Wyoming                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hawaii                         | <input type="checkbox"/> Missouri Western     | <input type="checkbox"/> Pennsylvania Western     |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Idaho                          | <input type="checkbox"/> Montana              | <input type="checkbox"/> Puerto Rico              |   |

**Bankruptcy Courts**

- All Bankruptcy Courts
- Alabama Middle       Illinois Northern       Nebraska       Rhode Island
- Alabama Northern       Illinois Central       Nevada       South Carolina
- Alabama Southern       Illinois Southern       New Hampshire       South Dakota
- Alaska       Indiana Northern       New Jersey       Tennessee Eastern
- Arizona       Indiana Southern       New Mexico       Tennessee Middle
- Arkansas Eastern       Iowa Northern       New York Eastern       Tennessee Western
- Arkansas Western       Iowa Southern       New York Northern       Texas Eastern
- California Central       Kansas       New York Southern       Texas Northern
- California Eastern       Kentucky Eastern       New York Western       Texas Southern
- California Northern       Kentucky Western       North Carolina Eastern       Texas Western
- California Southern       Louisiana Eastern       North Carolina Middle       Utah
- Colorado       Louisiana Middle       North Carolina Western       Vermont
- Connecticut       Louisiana Western       North Dakota       Virgin Islands
- Delaware       Maine       Northern Mariana Islands       Virginia Eastern
- District of Columbia       Maryland       Ohio Northern       Virginia Western
- Florida Middle       Massachusetts       Ohio Southern       Washington Eastern
- Florida Northern       Michigan Eastern       Oklahoma Eastern       Washington Western
- Florida Southern       Michigan Western       Oklahoma Northern       West Virginia Northern
- Georgia Northern       Minnesota       Oklahoma Western       West Virginia Southern
- Georgia Middle       Mississippi Northern       Oregon       Wisconsin Eastern
- Georgia Southern       Mississippi Southern       Pennsylvania Eastern       Wisconsin Western
- Guam       Missouri Eastern       Pennsylvania Middle       Wyoming
- Hawaii       Missouri Western       Pennsylvania Western
- Idaho       Montana       Puerto Rico

**National Courts**

- Judicial Panel on Multidistrict Litigation
- U.S. Court of Federal Claims
- U.S. Court of International Trade

2.) I am an individual associated with Univeristy of Toronto

3.) Please summarize why the case information from the Public Access to Court Electronic Records (PACER) service is needed and how it will be used. Also, please explain why an exemption from the courts identified is necessary. If you need more space, please provide in an attachment.

Please check attached file

4.) In support of this application, I affirm the following:

a) An exemption from the Judicial Conference's EPA Fee is necessary in order to avoid unreasonable burdens and to promote public access to information.

b) That the exemption will be for a definitive period of time: 16 months

c) I understand that this fee exemption will apply only to me, will be valid only for the purposes stated above, and will apply only to the electronic case files of the court(s) indicated above that are available through the PACER service.

d) I agree that any data received through this exemption will not be sold for profit, will not be transferred, will not be used for commercial purposes, and will not be redistributed via the Internet.

**Declaration:** I declare that all the above information is true and understand that a false statement  may result in termination of my exempt access and an assessment of Electronic Public Access usage fees. (The box must be marked or your request will not be considered)

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Date

Please submit your completed, signed request via email to [Multi-CourtExemptions@ao.uscourts.gov](mailto:Multi-CourtExemptions@ao.uscourts.gov) or by mail to:

Attention: Multi-Court Exemptions  
Court Programs Division  
DPS-CSO-PRGD  
One Columbus Circle, N.E.  
Washington, DC 20544

**\*\* Requests sent through the US mail may take up to two weeks to clear security.\*\***

I am a research student from the University of Waterloo in Ontario, Canada. My research focuses on the intersection of AI (Artificial Intelligence) and Law. My topic of interest is using machine learning to understand and predict the outcomes of court cases and motions. In order to build a model that can accurately predict the outcome of cases and motions, we would need access to large amounts of cases. We intend to use natural language techniques to preprocess the case information into a format our machine learning models will understand. Our academic research contributions will provide enormous value to our understanding of law and cases, thus benefiting the American judicial system. The paywall that Pacer imposes is the only limitation preventing us from conducting ground-breaking research on Legal AI.

To satisfy your narrow scope constraint, below is what we require.

- We **do not want** case docket access to Courts of Appeal, Bankruptcy Appellate Panels, Bankruptcy, or National courts.
- We **do need access** to the case dockets of all District courts.
- We are interested in **only civil cases. Not bankruptcy nor Criminal.**
- We need access **atleast one hundred thousand (100000) case dockets** for our research project.

What we are primarily interested in are the motions and their associated briefs, responses, replies and orders (judge's decision). To get what we want, we need access to civil case dockets. It doesn't matter what the case is about all that we require is that it is a civil case.

At a high-level our research goal is to train a machine to be able to predict motions. In order words, we want to train a machine learning model to simulate a judge's decision. When our AI is presented with a motion, memorandum in support and in opposition to that motion, we want to ask the AI if it would deny or grant a motion.

**We do not plan to redistribute** the original court text. **We are not picky and are not** interested in a specific type of case other than the case should be a **civil case**.