

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN

IN RE: EXEMPTION FROM
THE ELECTRONIC PACER
PUBLIC ACCESS FEES BY
SUDHA MANI

Administrative Order
No. 18-MS-081

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER

This matter is before the Court upon the application and request by Sudha Mani, Monash Business School, Monash University in Australia, for the exemption from the fees imposed by the Electronic Public Access fee schedule adopted by the Judicial Conference of the United States Courts. A copy of the request is attached to this Administrative Order.

This Court finds that Sudha Mani, 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, Sudha Mani, has demonstrated that an exemption is necessary in order to avoid unreasonable burdens and to promote public access to information. Accordingly, Sudha Mani, shall be exempt from the payment of the 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 educational research. She 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:

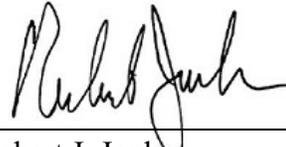
1. This fee exemption applies only to Sudha Mani, Account No. 3524811, and is valid only for the purposes stated above and recited in the request;
2. This fee exemption applies only to the electronic case files of this Court that are available through the PACER system;

3. By accepting this exemption, Sudha Mani, agrees not to sell for profit any data obtained as a result of receiving this exemption;
4. This exemption is valid until October 31, 2019.

This order 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.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: September 25, 2018



Robert J. Jonker
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"/> 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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District Courts

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National Courts

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Multidistrict Litigation | <input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Court of
Federal Claims | <input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Court of
International Trade |
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2.) I am an individual associated with

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.

My co-author, Shanfei Feng (pacer username - ilucky21) and I (pacer username - sudha.mani) are working on an academic research project to study the impact of contract enforcement on firm financial performance. We would like to access the complaints filed by the parties in civil cases related to contract enforcement. PACER docket information will help us access these complaint documents and we will then code them to understand the nature of the complaint and the resolution needed. We will use the information from the court complaint documents and the outcome of the case to assess their impact on firm performance. As academic researchers in the university, our research funds are quite limited. An exemption to the fees will be highly helpful to our research. The findings of our research will be published in an academic journal. Detailed description of the project and the abridged CVs of Shanfei and Sudha are attached to this request.



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:

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)

Applicant's Printed Name

Applicant's Title

Digitally signed by Sudha Mani
Date: 2018.05.18 14:53:30 +10'00'

Applicant's Signature

Applicant's Phone Number

Applicant's email address

Applicant's Mailing Address

City

State

Zip Code

Date

Please submit your completed, signed request via email to 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.**