

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN

IN RE: APPLICATION FOR EXEMPTION
FROM THE ELECTRONIC PUBLIC
ACCESS FEES BY ALEJANDRO ARREDONDO

Administrative Order
No. 20-MS-077

This matter is before the Court upon the application and request by Alejandro Arredondo 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 Alejandro Arredondo, a student research assistant at the University of Houston Law Center, falls within the class of users listed in the fee schedule as being eligible for a fee exemption. Additionally, Arredondo has demonstrated that an exemption is necessary in order to avoid unreasonable burdens and to promote public access to information.

Accordingly, Arredondo 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 criminal case records based on DOJ press releases and looking at those records to identify different theories of prosecution over the span of 10 years. Specifically, Arredondo will search for federal cases that are charged under the honest services fraud or wire fraud statute involving government officials for no more than 60-80 cases total. Arredondo 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 Arredondo (PACER Account # 6548973), 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, Arredondo agrees not to sell for profit any data obtained as a result of receiving this exemption;
4. Arredondo 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 February 16, 2021.

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.

FOR THE COURT:



ROBERT J. JONKER
CHIEF UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

Dated: October 16, 2020