

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

IN RE: APPLICATION FOR EXEMPTION  
FROM THE ELECTRONIC PUBLIC  
ACCESS FEES BY JUAKATHA KARUNAKARAN

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Administrative Order  
No. 22-MS-065

This matter is before the Court upon the application and request by Juakatha Karunakaran 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 Juakatha Karunakaran, a student research assistant at the Institute of Intergovernmental Relations at Queens University, falls within the class of users listed in the fee schedule as being eligible for a fee exemption. Additionally, Karunakaran has demonstrated that an exemption is necessary in order to avoid unreasonable burdens and to promote public access to information in order to support her hypotheses regarding global financial crimes.

Accordingly, Karunakaran 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 financial crimes such as, offshore tax evasion, money laundering and terrorist financing.

Karunakaran 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 Juakatha Karunakaran (PACER Account #7202241), 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, Karunakaran agrees not to sell for profit any data obtained as a result of receiving this exemption;
4. Karunakaran 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 August 31, 2023.

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:

Dated: August 22, 2022



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HALA Y. JARBOU  
CHIEF UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE