

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
WESTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN

IN RE: APPLICATION FOR EXEMPTION  
FROM THE ELECTRONIC PUBLIC  
ACCESS FEES BY TIAN HEONG CHAN

Administrative Order  
No. 26-MS-001

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This matter is before the Court upon the application and request by Tian Heong Chan 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 Tian Heong Chan, an associate professor of Information Systems and Operations Management at Emory University, falls within the class of users listed in the fee schedule as being eligible for a fee exemption. Additionally, Chan has demonstrated that an exemption is necessary in order to avoid unreasonable burdens and to promote public access to information.

Accordingly, Chan 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 2008 Egyptian Goddess vs Swisa case rulings and its heterogenous effects on design patent valuation, litigation likelihood, firm value and firm innovation strategy

Chan 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 Tian Heong Chan (PACER Account #8809464), 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, Chan agrees not to sell for profit any data obtained as a result of receiving this exemption;
4. Chan 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 from 12/17/2025 through 1/17/2026.

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: January 5, 2026

  
HALA Y. JARBOU  
CHIEF UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE