

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN

IN RE: APPLICATION FOR EXEMPTION
FROM THE ELECTRONIC PUBLIC
ACCESS FEES BY ALEXANDER ZENTEFIS

Administrative Order
No. 26-MS-025

This matter is before the Court upon the application and request by Alexander Zentefis 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 Alexander Zentefis, an assistant professor of finance at the Santa Clara University Leavey School of Business, falls within the class of users listed in the fee schedule as being eligible for a fee exemption. Additionally, Professor Zentefis has demonstrated that an exemption is necessary in order to avoid unreasonable burdens and to promote public access to information.

Accordingly, Professor Zentefis 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 conducting research to examine language patterns used among prosecutors, defense attorneys and judges in federal criminal sentencing to identify which patterns most influence sentencing outcomes. Professor Zentefis 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 Alexander Zentefis (PACER Account #7548092), 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, Professor Zentefis agrees not to sell for profit any data obtained as a result of receiving this exemption;
4. Professor Zentefis 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 March 3, 2026 through March 3, 2027.

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: April 6, 2026



HALA Y. JARBOU
CHIEF UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE