

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN

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

Administrative Order
No. 26-MS-061

- MATTHEW BAKER
 - ETHAN BOLDT
 - JASON BYERS
 - HAYLEY MUNIR
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This matter is before the Court upon the application and request by Matthew Baker, Ethan Boldt, Jason Byers and Hayley Munir 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 Matthew Baker (Assistant Professor of Political Science at Emory University), Ethan Boldt (Assistant Professor of Political Science at the University of Massachusetts-Boston), Jason Byers (Assistant Professor at the University of Connecticut) and Hayley Munir (Assistant Professor at Illinois State University) falls within the class of users listed in the fee schedule as being eligible for a fee exemption. Additionally, Baker, Boldt, Byers and Munir have demonstrated that an exemption is necessary in order to avoid unreasonable burdens and to promote public access to information.

Accordingly, Baker, Boldt, Byers and Munir 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 choice to communicate" by United States Attorney's Offices (USAO) to publicizing criminal cases and sentences.

Baker, Boldt, Byers and Munir 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:

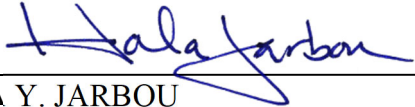
1. This fee exemption applies only to
 - Matthew Baker (PACER Account #6824111)
 - Ethan Boldt (PACER ID Account #5217557)
 - Jason Byers (PACER ID Account #9053529)
 - Hayley Munir (PACER ID Account #9034217)and is valid only for the purposes stated above;
2. This fee exemption applies only to the electronic case files of this Court that are available through the PACER system;
3. By accepting this exemption, Baker, Boldt, Byers and Munir agree not to sell for profit any data obtained as a result of receiving this exemption;
4. Baker, Boldt, Byers and Munir are 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 May 8, 2026, through May 8, 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: July 23, 2026



HALA Y. JARBOU
CHIEF UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE