UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN

IN RE: APPLICATION FOR EXEMPTION FROM THE ELECTRONIC PUBLIC ACCESS FEES BY STEVEN KOCHEVAR
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Administrative Order
No. 26-MS-088

This matter is before the Court upon the application and request by Steven Kochevar 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 Steven Kochevar, a Data Science Institute Law Fellow and Lecturer at the University of Chicago, falls within the class of users listed in the fee schedule as being eligible for a fee exemption. Additionally, Kochevar has demonstrated that an exemption is necessary in order to avoid unreasonable burdens and to promote public access to information.

Accordingly, Kochevar 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 his hypothesis that summary witnesses are being called more frequently and testifying at greater lengths in federal trials.

Kochevar 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 Steven Kochevar (PACER Account #9271891), 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, Kochevar agrees not to sell for profit any data obtained as a result of receiving this exemption;

4. Kochevar 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 September 15, 2026 through December 15, 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.

FOR THE COURT:

Dated: October 23, 2026

HALA Y. JARBOU
CHIEF UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE