

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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In Re:  
Application for Exemption from Electronic Public  
Access Fees

**ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER  
NO. 2021-13**

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**PACER FEE EXEMPTION ORDER**

The Court received an application request by Emily Homer, Ph.D., for exemption from the fees imposed by the Electronic Public Access fee schedule adopted by the Judicial Conference of the United States Courts.

Emily Homer, an individual researcher and principal researcher for an academic project at the University of North Carolina Wilmington entitled “The Deterrent Effect of Federal Corporate Agreements,” has demonstrated that an exemption is necessary in order to avoid unreasonable burdens and to promote public access to information. Accordingly, Emily Homer 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 her scholarly research in areas related to litigation following signed deferred prosecution and non-prosecution agreements with federal prosecutors between 1992 and 2020 for the 174 organizations listed in her application. Such use shall include part name searches and other documents as needed to verify identification of parties, and other such information as is necessary for her research into related cases. Emily Homer shall not be exempt from the payment of fees incurred in connection with other uses of the PACER system in this court. In addition, the following limitations apply:

1. this fee exemption applies only to Emily Homer 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, Emily Homer agrees not to sell for profit any data obtained as a result of receiving this exemption and not to redistribute any data over the internet;
4. this exemption is valid until August 1, 2021, unless earlier revoked.

This exemption 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 together with a copy of the application.

SO ORDERED:

Dated: June 21, 2021  
Brooklyn, New York

s/ MKB

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MARGO K. BRODIE  
Chief United States District Judge