

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. 2021-18**

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PACER FEE EXEMPTION ORDER

The Court received an application request by Ahmanda Lee for exemption from the fees imposed by the Electronic Public Access fee schedule adopted by the Judicial Conference of the United States Courts.

Ahmanda Lee, an individual researcher and research assistant at the Santa Clara University School of Law, has demonstrated that an exemption is necessary in order to avoid unreasonable burdens and to promote public access to information. Accordingly, Ahmanda Lee 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 regarding the difference between eligibility for and delivery of relief such as expungements and the sealing of records in criminal cases (i.e., “second chance gap” data) from January 1, 1999, to December 31, 2020. Ahmanda Lee 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 Ahmanda Lee 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, Ahmanda Lee 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 October 31, 2022, 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: July 13, 2021
Brooklyn, New York

s/ MKB

MARGO K. BRODIE
Chief United States District Judge