

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. 2024-13**

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**PACER FEE EXEMPTION ORDER**

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

Arthur Smith, a doctoral student at Kent State University, has demonstrated that an exemption is necessary in order to avoid unreasonable burdens and to promote public access to information. Accordingly, Arthur Smith 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 criminal case judgments to develop a machine learning algorithm to predict the sentencing of individuals in the federal court system. Arthur Smith 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 Arthur Smith (PACER Account # 5877100) 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, Arthur Smith 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 July 8, 2025, 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 15, 2024  
Brooklyn, New York

s/ MKB

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MARGO K. BRODIE  
Chief United States District Judge