

# United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit

ORDER  
General Docket No. 2023-10

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

This matter is before the Court upon the application and request by Jett Pettus 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 Jett Pettus, an individual researcher associated with the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, falls within the class of users listed in the fee schedule as being eligible for a fee exemption. Additionally, Pettus has demonstrated that an exemption is necessary in order to avoid unreasonable burdens and to promote public access to information. Accordingly, Pettus 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 the role of inmate litigation in maintaining prison conditions. Pettus 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:

- I. this fee exemption applies only to Pettus, and is valid only for the purposes stated above;
- II. this fee exemption applies only to the electronic case files of this court that are available through the PACER system;
- III. by accepting this exemption, Pettus agrees not to sell for profit any data obtained as a result of receiving this exemption;
- IV. Pettus is prohibited from transferring any data obtained as a result of receiving this exemption, including redistribution via internet-based databases;
- V. this exemption is valid until October 4, 2024.

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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.

Dated this 11<sup>th</sup> day of October 2023.

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LYLE W. CAYCE  
*Clerk of Court*

BY DIRECTION