

United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit

ORDER
General Docket No. 2024-03

IN RE:
APPLICATION FOR EXEMPTION FROM THE ELECTRONIC PUBLIC
ACCESS FEES BY JOHN BENSON

This matter is before the Court upon the application and request by John Benson 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 John Benson, a graduate student associated with the University of St. Andrews, School of International Relations, falls within the class of users listed in the fee schedule as being eligible for a fee exemption. Additionally, Benson has demonstrated that an exemption is necessary in order to avoid unreasonable burdens and to promote public access to information. Accordingly, Benson 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 right-wing terrorism in the United States between January 1, 2020 and December 31, 2023. Benson 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 Benson, 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, Benson agrees not to sell for profit any data obtained as a result of receiving this exemption;
- IV. Benson 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 from February 21, 2024 until April 15, 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 21st day of February 2024.

Handwritten signature of Lyle W. Cayce in black ink, enclosed in a thin black rectangular border.

LYLE W. CAYCE
Clerk of Court

BY DIRECTION