

United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit

ORDER
General Docket No. 2025-01

IN RE:
APPLICATION FOR EXEMPTION FROM THE ELECTRONIC PUBLIC
ACCESS FEES BY SACHA BECHARA

This matter is before the Court upon the application and request by Sacha Bechara 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 Sacha Bechara, an undergraduate student associated with University College London, falls within the class of users listed in the fee schedule as being eligible for a fee exemption. Additionally, Bechara has demonstrated that an exemption is necessary in order to avoid unreasonable burdens and to promote public access to information. Accordingly, Bechara 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 determinants of judicial decision-making in federal appellate climate litigation, focusing on how case characteristics, legal frameworks, and procedural factors influence outcomes. He is looking to review a total of 928 cases across all 13 courts of appeal. Bechara 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 Bechara, 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, Bechara agrees not to sell for profit any data obtained as a result of receiving this exemption;

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- IV. Bechara 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 April 18, 2026.

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 12th day of September 2025.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Lyle W. Cayce", is positioned above a horizontal line.

LYLE W. CAYCE
Clerk of Court

BY DIRECTION