

United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit

ORDER
General Docket No. 2026-03

IN RE:
APPLICATION FOR EXEMPTION FROM THE ELECTRONIC PUBLIC
ACCESS FEES BY JIANBO BIN

This matter is before the Court upon the application and request by Jianbo Bin 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 Jianbo Bin, a graduate student at the University of California San Diego, is conducting research to examine whether service providers/recordkeepers of 401(k) plans strategically influence the investment menu by limiting the inclusion of well-performing or low-fee unaffiliated funds relative to affiliated alternatives, and whether such menu design is associated with participant reallocations and subsequent ERISA litigation. Additionally, Bin has demonstrated that an exemption is necessary in order to avoid unreasonable burdens and to promote public access to information. Accordingly, Bin 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 designated cases he provided. Bin 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:

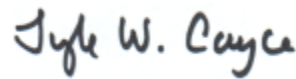
- I. this fee exemption applies only to Bin, and is valid only for the purposes stated above;
- II. this fee exemption applies only to the electronic case files of this court that are available through the PACER system;
- III. by accepting this exemption, Bin agrees not to sell for profit any data obtained as a result of receiving this exemption;

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- IV. Bin 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 March 31, 2027 and shall be enforced for any research conducted beginning March 4, 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 12^h day of May 2026.



LYLE W. CAYCE
Clerk of Court

BY DIRECTION