
Order

Misc. File No. 3:22-mc-727-RBH

In Re: Application for Exemption from the Electronic Public Access Fees by Nikolaos Passas

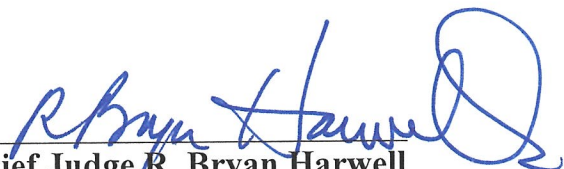
This matter is before the Court upon the application and request by **Nikolaos Passas** for exemption from the fees imposed by the Electronic Public Access fee schedule adopted by the Judicial Conference of the United States Courts.

The Court finds that **Nikolaos Passas**, an individual researcher associated with an educational institution, falls within the class of users listed in the fee schedule as being eligible for a fee exemption. Additionally, **Nikolaos Passas** has demonstrated that an exemption is necessary in order to avoid unreasonable burdens and to promote public access to information. Accordingly, **Nikolaos Passas** 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 illegal networks involved in the illegal medical product trade and researching ways to identify vulnerabilities in these illegal networks for better detection and investigation by federal authorities. **Nikolaos Passas** 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 **Nikolaos Passas**, 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, **Nikolaos Passas** agrees not to sell for profit any data obtained as a result of receiving this exemption;
- IV. **Nikolaos Passas** 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 September 30, 2023.

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 7 day of December, 2022.



Chief Judge **R. Bryan Harwell**