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Order

Misc. File No. 3:24-mc-130-RBH
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In Re: Application for Exemption from the Electronic Public Access Fees by Edward K. Cheng

This matter is before the Court upon the application and request by **Edward K. Cheng** 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 **Edward K. Cheng**, 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, **Edward K. Cheng** has demonstrated that an exemption is necessary in order to avoid unreasonable burdens and to promote public access to information. Accordingly, **Edward K. Cheng** 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 frequency and use of special verdicts/jury interrogatories in federal civil cases between 1991 and 2023. **Edward K. Cheng** 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 **Edward K. Cheng**, 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, **Edward K. Cheng** agrees not to sell for profit any data obtained as a result of receiving this exemption;

IV.   **Edward K. Cheng** 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 June 1, 2025.

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 26 day of February, 2024.

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Chief Judge R. Bryan Harwell