ORDER

Misc. File No. 3:26-mc-900

In Re: Application for Exemption from the Electronic Public Access Fees by Professor Ethan Boldt

This matter is before the Court upon the application and request by **Professor Boldt** for an extension of his existing fee waiver allowing 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 **Professor Boldt**, 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, **Professor Baker** has demonstrated that an exemption is necessary in order to avoid unreasonable burdens and to promote public access to information. Accordingly, **Professor Boldt** 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 and comparing how the United States Attorney's Offices publicize criminal cases and sentences across all U.S. District Courts using the cases identified in his application.
He 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:

1. this fee exemption applies only to **Professor Boldt** and is valid only for the purposes stated above;
2. this fee exemption applies only to the electronic case files of this court that are available through the PACER system;
3. by accepting this exemption, **Professor Boldt** agrees not to sell for profit any data obtained as a result of receiving this exemption;
4. **Professor Boldt** is prohibited from transferring any data obtained as a result of receiving this exemption, including redistribution via internet based databases;
5. this exemption is valid **one year from the date of this order.**

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 August, 2026.

The Honorable Timothy M. Cain
Chief Judge - District of SC