
ORDER

Misc. File No. _____

**In Re: Application for Exemption from the Electronic Public Access Fees by
Professor Brian Fitzpatrick**

This matter is before the Court upon the application and request by **Professor Fitzpatrick** 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 **Professor Fitzpatrick** as 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 Fitzpatrick** has demonstrated that an exemption is necessary in order to avoid unreasonable burdens and to promote public access to information. Accordingly, **Professor Fitzpatrick** 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 cases identified in his application to research simplifying the calculation of attorney's fees in cases with fee-shifting provisions.

Professor Fitzpatrick 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 Fitzpatrick** 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 Fitzpatrick** agrees not to sell for profit any data obtained as a result of receiving this exemption;
4. **Professor Fitzpatrick** 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 **for 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 23 day of April, 2026.



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