

**IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT  
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA**

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In re: :  
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**Application for Exemption from the** : **Misc. Proc. #23-206**  
**Electronic Public Access Fees** : :  
**By Michael Loadenthal** : :  
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**ORDER**

This matter is before the Court upon the request by Dr. Michael Loadenthal for an exemption from the fees imposed by the Electronic Public Access Fee Schedule (the “Fee Schedule”) adopted by the Judicial Conference of the United States Courts.

The Court finds that Dr. Michael Loadenthal is an Associate Professor who leads a research project designed to teach students how to conduct legal research, perform statistical analysis, and collect complex data sets. The Court further finds that Dr. Loadenthal is within the class of users listed in the Electronic Public Access Fee Schedule as being eligible for a discretionary fee exemption. Additionally, Dr. Michael Loadenthal has demonstrated that an exemption is necessary in order to avoid unreasonable burdens and to promote public access to information, and he has shown that the research project is intended for scholarly research, is limited in scope, and is not intended for commercial purposes.

AND NOW, this 8<sup>th</sup> day of *March, 2023*, it is hereby ORDERED that:

1. Dr. Michael Loadenthal shall be exempt from the payment of fees for access via PACER to the electronic case files maintained in this Court, solely to the extent that such use is incurred in the course of his research which will be used to teach students. Dr. Loadenthal will use PACER to collect information from court filings and use that information to teach students how to conduct legal research, perform statistical analysis and collect complex data sets. Dr. Michael Loadenthal shall not be exempt from the payment of fees incurred in connection with other uses of the PACER system in this Court.

2. Additionally, the following limitations apply:

- a. This fee exemption applies only to Dr. Michael Loadenthal, PACER Account No. 5609843, and is valid only for the purposes stated above;
- b. This fee exemption applies only to the electronic case files of this Court that are available through the PACER system;

- c. Dr. Loadenthal shall not sell, transfer, redistribute, or use for commercial purposes any data obtained as a result of receiving this exemption; and,
- d. This exemption is valid until December 31, 2027, unless terminated earlier by the Court.

3. This exemption may be revoked at the discretion of the Court at any time. The Clerk shall send a copy of this Order to the PACER Service Center.

Dated: March 8, 2023



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GREGORY L. ADDONIO <sup>ako</sup>  
CHIEF UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY JUDGE