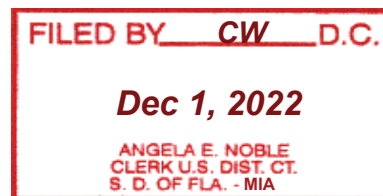


UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 2022-102

IN RE:

EXEMPTION OF FEES TO ACCESS PACER
FOR ABDIBAASID ABDI



The United States District Court for the Southern District of Florida maintains case information online with the Public Access to Court Electronic Records (PACER) website. The Court desires to encourage the public's use of the database, continue to promote public access, and avoid unreasonable burdens on both users and court staff in retrieving data.

The Court finds that Abdibaasid Abdi, 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, Mr. Abdi has demonstrated that an exemption is necessary to avoid unreasonable burdens and to promote public access to information. Therefore, it is

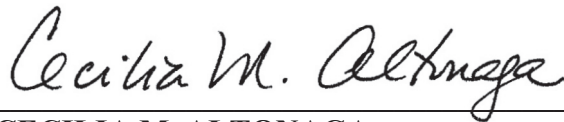
ORDERED AND ADJUDGED that Abdibaasid Abdi is exempt from the payment of fees for access via PACER to the electronic case files maintained in this Court, to the extent such use is incurred in the course of his research regarding the opioid epidemic. Specifically, he is researching the origins of the epidemic — the perpetrators, and the victims, and requires access to criminal cases filed against “pill mills.” Mr. Abdi is not 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 Abdibaasid Abdi 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, Mr. Abdi agrees not to sell for profit any data obtained as a result of receiving this exemption;
4. Mr. Abdi 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 from December 1, 2022 through January 31, 2023.

This exemption may be revoked at the discretion of the Court at any time. The Clerk of Court for the United States District Court for the Southern District of Florida shall provide the PACER Service Center with any detailed information the Center may require to implement this Order.

DONE AND ORDERED in Miami, Florida, this 1st day of December 2022.



CECILIA M. ALTONAGA
CHIEF UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

c: Angela E. Noble, Court Administrator · Clerk of Court
Todd McGhie, Chief Deputy Clerk · Administration
PACER Service Center
Michelle Gardner, Attorney Advisor, Multi-Court Exemptions, Administrative Office
of the U.S. Courts