

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 2022-30

IN RE:

EXEMPTION OF FEES TO ACCESS PACER  
FOR MADISON SHANKS

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FILED BY   CW   D.C.

**Mar 18, 2022**

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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.

Madison Shanks, 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, Ms. Shanks 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 Madison Shanks 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 her research, specifically for researching the roles that attorneys play in district judges' decision-making throughout a criminal trial. She requires access to PACER to a sample of 1,200-1,500 criminal cases nationwide in order to obtain the attorneys' names in those cases. Ms. Shanks shall not be exempt from the payment of fees incurred in connection with other uses of the PACER system in this Court.

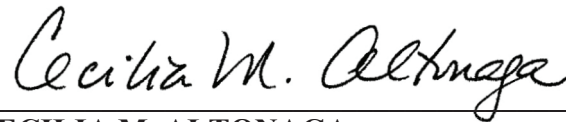
Additionally, the following limitations apply:

1. this fee exemption applies only to Madison Shanks 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, Ms. Shanks agrees not to sell for profit any data obtained as a result of receiving this exemption;
4. Ms. Shanks is prohibited from transferring any data obtained as a result of receiving this exemption, including redistribution via internet-based databases; and
5. this exemption is valid January 1, 2022, through December 31, 2022.

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 18th day of March 2022.



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**CECILIA M. ALTONAGA**  
**CHIEF UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE**

- c: Angela E. Noble, Court Administrator · Clerk of Court  
Kevin Kappes, Chief Deputy Clerk · Administration  
Brandy Lonchena, Chief Deputy Clerk · Operations  
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