

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 2023-11

IN RE:

EXEMPTION OF FEES TO ACCESS PACER
FOR SUDHA MANI

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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.

Sudha Mani, 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. Mani 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 Sudha Mani 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 his research examining how franchisor-franchisee litigation affects franchisor performance. Mr. Mani requires access to case records to research franchisor-franchisee disputes in cases between 2010 and 2017 and include nature of suit 190, 196, 240, and 230. Mr. Mani 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 Sudha Mani 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. Mani agrees not to sell for profit any data obtained as a result of receiving this exemption;
4. Mr. Mani 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 retroactively from November 14, 2022, through February 28, 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 30th day of January 2023.



CECILIA M. ALTONAGA
CHIEF UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

- c: Angela E. Noble, Court Administrator · Clerk of Court
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