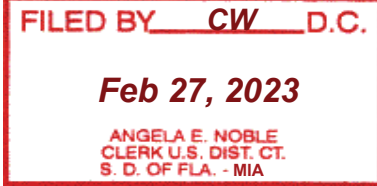


UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 2023-16

IN RE:

EXEMPTION OF FEES TO ACCESS PACER
FOR DAVID TAN



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.

David Tan, 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. Tan 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 David Tan 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 on local government litigation against opioid firms. The purpose of the study is to investigate why some local governments and not others decided to bring litigation against opioid manufacturers, distributors, and retailers. Mr. Tan is requesting documents and dockets for cases originating in the Southern District of Florida that were ultimately transferred to MDL 2804 In Re: National Prescription Opiate Litigation during a five-year timespan from September 16, 2019, to December 16, 2024. A list of current Southern District of Florida cases Mr. Tan has identified is attached; however, he is also requesting access to additional cases that

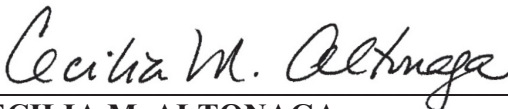
may be linked to MDL 2804 through December 16, 2024. Mr. Tan is not exempt from the payment of fees incurred in connection with other uses of the PACER system in this Court.

Additionally, the following limitations apply:

1. this fee exemption applies only to David Tan 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. Tan agrees not to sell for profit any data obtained as a result of receiving this exemption;
4. Mr. Tan 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 retroactively from September 16, 2022, through December 31, 2027.

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 27th day of February 2023.



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