

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 2024-1

IN RE:

EXEMPTION OF FEES TO ACCESS
PACER FOR JETT PETTUS

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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.

Jett Pettus, 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. Pettus 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 Jett Pettus 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 her research to empirically quantify the relationship between prisoner petitions and prison facility quality. Ms. Pettus requires access to prisoner complaints and final orders filed between 1988 to the present under nature of suit numbers 510, 530, 535, 540, 550 and 555. Ms. Pettus is not exempt from the payment of fees incurred in connection with other uses of the PACER system.

Additionally, the following limitations apply:

1. this fee exemption applies only to Jett Pettus 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, Jett Pettus agrees not to sell for profit any data obtained as a result of receiving this exemption;
4. Ms. Pettus 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 December 15, 2023, through December 31, 2024.

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 4th day of January 2024.



CECILIA M. ALTONAGA
CHIEF UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

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