UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 2026-103

IN RE:

EXEMPTION OF FEES TO ACCESS PACER FOR MARIE WAKO

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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.

Marie Wako, 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. Wako has demonstrated that an exemption is necessary to avoid unreasonable burden and to promote public access to information. Therefore, it is

ORDERED that Ms. Wako 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 connection with her research analyzing the language used in federal criminal jury and bench trials to identify explicit and implicit bias in how courtroom actors describe defendants. Ms. Wako 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 and is valid only for the purposes stated above;

2. this fee exemption applies only to the electronic case files of the Court that are available through the PACER system;

3. by accepting this exemption, Marie Wako agrees not to sell for profit any data obtained as a result of receiving this exemption;

4. Ms. Wako 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 October 29, 2026, through October 29, 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 30th day of October, 2026.

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
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