

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF INDIANA

In Re: Application for Exemption from            )  
Electronic Public Access Fees by                )  
Morgan L. W. Hazelton                            )                General Order No. 2012-5

ORDER

This matter is before the court upon the request of Morgan L. W. Hazelton for a temporary exemption from the fees imposed by the Electronic Public Access Fee Schedule adopted by the Judicial Conference of the United States Courts to perform research.

The court finds that Morgan L. W. Hazelton, an individual researcher associated with an educational institution, falls within the class of users listed in the Electronic Public Access Fee Schedule appended to 28 U.S.C. § 1914 as being eligible for a fee exemption. Additionally, Mr. Hazelton has demonstrated that an exemption is necessary in order to avoid unreasonable burdens and to promote public access to information. Accordingly, Morgan L. W. Hazelton shall be 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 his dissertation research on how changes in law and available information influence litigant behavior and our understanding of judicial decision making. Mr. Hazelton 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 Morgan L. W. Hazelton from Washington University in St. Louis, 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 the Washington University in St. Louis and Morgan L. W. Hazelton agree not to sell for profit any data obtained as a result of receiving the exemption.
4. Morgan L.W. Hazelton will periodically notify this court of the continued need for this exemption.

This exemption may be revoked at the discretion of the court at any time. The Clerk is directed to send a copy of this Order to Morgan L.W. Hazelton and to the PACER Service Center.

Entered this 17<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2012.

/s/ Philip P. Simon  
Philip P. Simon, Chief Judge  
United States District Court