

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF INDIANA

In Re: Application for Exemption from)
Electronic Public Access Fees by) General Order No. 2015-9
Christina Boyd.)

ORDER

This matter is before the Court upon the request of University of Georgia Assistant Professor Christina Boyd 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, for purposes of performing research.

The Court finds that Christina Boyd, 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, Professor Boyd has demonstrated that an exemption is necessary in order to avoid unreasonable burdens and to promote public access to information.

ACCORDINGLY:

Asst. Professor Christina Boyd 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 her research project entitled “Judging Disabilities: Social Security Administration Appeals in the Federal Trial Courts.” Professor Boyd 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 Assistant Professor Christina Boyd of the University of Georgia, and is valid only for the of the academic research described above, and not for commercial purposes or internet redistribution.
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 University of Georgia and Professor Boyd agree not to sell for profit any data obtained as a result of receiving the exemption, and not to transfer any data obtained as the result of the fee exemption unless expressly authorized by the Court.
4. Unless extended by further order, this exemption will expire **December 31, 2017**.

This exemption may be revoked at the discretion of the Court at any time. Any further extension will be granted only upon a written request supported by an explanation of the limited scope of the research for which it is sought, the progress to-date, and the anticipated date of its conclusion.

The Clerk is directed to send a copy of this Order to the PACER Service Center and to Professor Boyd at the University of Georgia's Political Science Department, 104 Baldwin Hall, 355 S. Jackson Street, Athens GA 30602.

Entered this 3rd day of November, 2015.

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