

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF INDIANA

In Re: Application for Exemption from )  
Electronic Public Access Fees by )  
Brian R. Johnson, Ph.D., Grand Valley )  
State University, School of Criminal Justice )

General Order No. 2017-5

ORDER

This matter is before the Court upon the request of Dr. Brian R. Johnson of Grand Valley State University 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 the purposes of performing research.

The Court finds that Dr. Brian R. Johnson, 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, Dr. Johnson has demonstrated that an exemption is necessary in order to avoid unreasonable burdens and to promote public access to information.

ACCORDINGLY:

Dr. Brian R. Johnson 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 educational research. Grand Valley State University and Dr. Brian R. Johnson 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 Brian R. Johnson, Ph.D. and his designated research assistant from Grand Valley State University, and is valid only for the

purposes stated 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, Grand Valley State University and Dr. Brian R. Johnson and his dedicated research assistant agree not to sell for profit any data obtained as a result of receiving the exemption, and not 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.

The Clerk is directed to send a copy of this Order to the PACER Service Center and to Dr. Johnson at Grand Valley State University, School of Criminal Justice, Pew Grand Rapids Campus, DeVos Center, 401 Fulton Street West, Grand Rapids, MI 49504-6431.

Entered this 1<sup>st</sup> day of May, 2017.

/s/ Theresa L. Springmann  
Theresa L. Springmann, Chief Judge  
United States District Court