

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF INDIANA**

General Order No. 2020-24

In Re: Application for Exemption from the Electronic Public Access Fees by T. Edward Shardlow

This matter is before the Court upon the application and request by T. Edward Shardlow for exemption from the fees imposed by the Electronic Public Access fee schedule adopted by the Judicial Conference of the United States Courts.

The Court finds that T. Edward Shardlow, an individual associated with a non-profit research institution, falls within the class of users listed in the fee schedule as being eligible for a fee exemption. Additionally, Mr. Shardlow has demonstrated that an exemption is necessary in order to avoid unreasonable burdens and to promote public access to information. Accordingly, Mr. Shardlow 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 research regarding how managers evaluate and mitigate risk of litigation in making hiring, firing, and promotion decisions, and how this perception changes their behavior. Mr. Shardlow 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:

- I. this fee exemption applies only to Mr. Shardlow, PACER Account No. 6314524, and is valid only for the purposes stated above;
- II. this fee exemption applies only to the electronic case files of this court that are available through the PACER system;
- III. this fee exempt PACER access is limited to 1,000 cases in the Northern District of Indiana;
- IV. Mr. Shardlow must monitor his usage to ensure his fee exempt access does not exceed 1,000 cases;
- V. Mr. Shardlow will incur PACER fees for any access in excess of 1,000 cases in the Northern District of Indiana;
- VI. Mr. Shardlow shall conduct his searches manually and is not permitted to use automated data mining script (programs) to collect data;
- VII. by accepting this exemption, Mr. Shardlow agrees not to sell for profit any data obtained as a result of receiving this exemption;
- VIII. Mr. Shardlow is prohibited from transferring any data obtained as a result of receiving this exemption, including redistribution via internet-based databases; and
- IX. this exemption is valid from August 5, 2020 through July 31, 2022.

This exemption may be revoked at the discretion of the Court at any time. A copy of this Order shall be sent to the PACER Service Center.

SO ORDERED on August 5, 2020.

/s/ Jon E. DeGuilio
Chief Judge, United States District Court
Northern District of Indiana