

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

General Order No. 2021-05

**In Re: Application for Exemption from the Electronic Public Access Fees by
Guillermo Andrés Morales Sancho**

This matter is before the Court upon the application and request by Guillermo Andrés Morales Sancho 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 Guillermo Andrés Morales Sancho, 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. Sancho has demonstrated that an exemption is necessary in order to avoid unreasonable burdens and to promote public access to information. Although Mr. Sancho requests an exemption for a five-year period, he has not provided any rationale for such a lengthy period. Therefore, this Court will grant a one-year exemption and Mr. Sancho may renew his exemption request in one-year increments, as necessary.

Accordingly, Mr. Sancho 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 on how pre-trial discovery works and its determinative effect on the outcome of tort cases, specifically cases involving defective products and medical malpractice. Mr. Sancho 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 Guillermo Andrés Morales Sancho, PACER Account No. 6609932, 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. by accepting this exemption, Mr. Sancho agrees not to sell for profit any data obtained as a result of receiving this exemption;
- IV. Mr. Sancho is prohibited from transferring any data obtained as a result of receiving this exemption, including redistribution via internet-based databases;
- V. this exemption is valid from January 21, 2021 through January 21, 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 January 21, 2021.

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