

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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In Re:
Application for Exemption from
Electronic Public Access Fees

**ADMINISTRATIVE
ORDER
2009-08**

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PACER FEE EXEMPTION ORDER

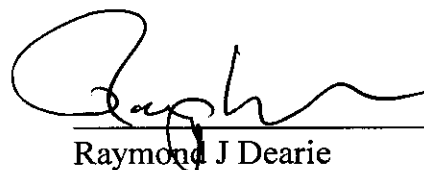
The Court received an application request by Dr. Robert Howard for exemption from the fees imposed by the Electronic Public Access fee schedule adopted by the Judicial Conference of the United States Courts.

Dr. Robert Howard, Associate Professor of political science at Georgia State University, falls within the class of users listed in the fee schedule as being eligible for a fee exemption. Additionally, Dr. Howard and his graduate research assistant, Shenita Brazelton, Esq. have demonstrated that an exemption is necessary in order to avoid unreasonable burdens and to promote public access to information. Accordingly, Dr. Howard and his graduate research assistant, Shenita Brazelton, Esq. 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 particular research project described in Professor Howard's letter of July 29, 2009. Dr. Howard and his graduate research assistant, Shenita Brazelton, Esq. 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 Dr. Howard and his graduate research assistant, Shenita Brazelton, Esq. 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, Dr. Howard and his graduate research assistant, Shenita Brazelton, Esq. agree not to sell for profit any data obtained as a result of receiving this exemption.

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 together with a copy of the application.

Dated : August 10, 2009
Brooklyn, New York



Raymond J Dearie
Chief Judge