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 NO. 2026-05

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PACER FEE EXEMPTION ORDER

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

Brennan Schaffner, a post-doctoral student at Georgetown University, has demonstrated that an exemption is necessary in order to avoid unreasonable burdens and to promote public access to information. Accordingly, Brennan Schaffner 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 research into the use of empirical evidence in digital platform litigation across jurisdictions to understand how empirical research data-driven methodologies inform judicial reasoning and influence technology law cases. Brennan Schaffner shall not be exempt from the payment of fees incurred in connection with other uses of the PACER system in this Court. In addition, the following limitations apply:

1. this fee exemption applies only to Brennan Schaffner (PACER Account #8658052) 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, Brennan Schaffner agrees not to sell for profit any data obtained as a result of receiving this exemption and not to redistribute any data over the internet;
4. this exemption is valid until January 22, 2028, unless earlier revoked.

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.

SO ORDERED:

Dated: February 20, 2026
Brooklyn, New York

s/ MKB
MARGO K. BRODIE
Chief United States District Judge