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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF GUAM

In Re: Application for Exemption from the Electronic Public Access Fees by Matthew Baker, Ethan Boldt, Jason Byers, and Hayley Munir.	GENERAL ORDER 26-0025

This matter is before the Court upon the application and request by Matthew Baker, Ethan Boldt, Jason Byers, and Hayley Munir 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 Matthew Baker, an Assistant Professor of Political Science at Emory University in Georgia, Ethan Boldt, an Assistant Professor of Political Science at the University of Massachusetts Boston, Jason Byers, an Assistant Professor at the University of Connecticut, and Hayley Munir, an Assistant Professor at Illinois State University, fall within the class of users listed in the fee schedule as being eligible for a fee exemption. They are conducting a research project that examines the "choice to communicate" by United States Attorney's Offices (USAO) to publicizing criminal cases and sentences. Additionally, they have demonstrated that exemption is necessary to avoid unreasonable burdens and to promote public access to information. Accordingly, Matthew Baker, Ethan Boldt, Jason Byers, and Hayley Munir 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 while conducting their research. They 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 Matthew Baker, Ethan Boldt, Jason Byers, and Hayley Munir 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, Matthew Baker, Ethan Boldt, Jason Byers, and Hayley Munir agree not to sell for profit any data obtained as a result of receiving this exemption;

4. Matthew Baker, Ethan Boldt, Jason Byers, and Hayley Munir are prohibited from transferring any data obtained as a result of receiving this exemption, including redistribution via internet-based databases; and

5. this exemption is valid until May 8, 2027.

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 this 18th day of August, 2026.

FRANCES M. TYDINGCO-GATEWOOD
Chief District Judge