

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT  
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA  
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In re:

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER )  
CONCERNING MULTI-COURT )  
PACER FEE EXEMPTION )  
REQUESTS )  
\_\_\_\_\_ ) Administrative Order  
/ No. 20-012

**ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER REGARDING MULTI-COURT PUBLIC  
ACCESS TO COURT ELECTRONIC RECORDS (“PACER”) FEE  
EXEMPTION APPLICATIONS**

From time to time, persons submit requests for waivers of exemption from PACER fees. Such requests are to be approved only if they are limited in scope and intended for scholarly research and not for redistribution on the internet or for commercial purposes. On October 13, 2017 the Administrative Office of the United States Courts (“AO”) published procedures to implement the processing of multi-court PACER fee exemption requests (“Requests”).<sup>1</sup> The procedures require Requests

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<sup>1</sup> The AO took this action after the Judicial Conference Committee on Court Administration and Case Management (CACM), in 2016, endorsed the concept of establishing a centralized process for reviewing Public Access to Court Electronic Records (“PACER”) fee exemption requests submitted to multiple courts.

to be submitted to and evaluated by the AO. The AO provides its final evaluation of Requests to the Clerk of Court in each court indicated on the Request form, along with an AO recommended action. Each court will then determine whether to grant, deny, or partially grant the request.

In the interest of judicial economy, it is

**ORDERED:**

- (1) Requests provided to this Court by the AO with a recommendation against approval are automatically deemed denied unless the Court orders otherwise.
- (2) The Clerk shall notify a requestor whose Request is denied, in writing, of the denial and provide the requestor a copy of this Administrative Order.
- (3) Once the Court has ruled on a Request, the Clerk will provide the AO and PACER Service Center a copy of this or any other applicable order.

**DONE AND ORDERED ON** November 19, 2020.



**KAREN K. SPECIE**  
Chief U.S. Bankruptcy Judge