

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO

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U.S. DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DIST. OHIO  
EAST. DIV. COLUMBUS

**In Re: EXEMPTION FROM THE  
ELECTRONIC PUBLIC ACCESS FEES      GENERAL ORDER 17-02  
FOR RETIRED COURT REPORTERS**

This matter is before the Court for sua sponte consideration to grant exempted PACER status to Laura Samuels a former court reporter for this court.

*The Guide to Judiciary Policy*, Vol. 6, Ch. 5 § 510.55(a) states that “Any court reporter who terminates employment with the court remains responsible for producing respected transcripts of proceedings recorded during the period of employment at the rates in effect at the time the transcript was ordered.”

The United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit Transcript Policy sets forth the procedures for both counsel and court reporters with regards to the ordering and filing of transcripts. This process involves the use of notification to the court reporters through PACER (Public Access to Court Electronic Records).

Upon retirement from the court, the court reporter loses their exempted status in PACER that is afforded to all judiciary employees.

In order for Gina Wells to fulfill her responsibilities to this court and the United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit, the Court GRANTS a waiver from fees charged or

relating to access on the PACER electronic database system provided that Gina Wells pay all telephone and internet charges generated by using this connection to PACER.

**IT IS SO ORDERED.**

Date: 3-7-2017

  
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EDMUND A. SARGUS, JR.  
Chief United States District Judge