

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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In Re: :  
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Application for Exemption from the : General Order M-439  
Electronic Public Access Fees by Chrystin :  
Ondersma, Susan Block-Lieb, and Edward :  
Janger :  
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This matter is before the Court upon the application and request by Chrystin Ondersma, Susan Block-Lieb, and Edward Janger (the "Applicants") 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, based upon the attached letter from the Applicants, dated September 11, 2012, that the Applicants have demonstrated that an exemption is necessary in order to avoid unreasonable burdens and to promote public access to information.

Accordingly, the Applicants 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 connection with the project described in the attached letter. 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 the Applicants, 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, the Applicants agree not to sell for profit any data obtained as a result of receiving this exemption.
4. This exemption is valid from the date of this order through September 20, 2013

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.

Dated: New York, New York  
September 21, 2012

/s/ Cecelia G. Morris  
Cecelia G. Morris  
Chief United States Bankruptcy Judge

September 11, 2012

The Honorable Cecilia G. Morris  
United States Bankruptcy Court, SDNY  
355 Main St.  
Poughkeepsie, NY 12601

Dear Judge Morris,

We write to request an exemption from PACER fees for a period of one year to conduct research on the Loss Mitigation Project in the Southern District of New York. The goal of our project is to determine which factors correspond to successful mediation. To undertake this analysis, we will examine PACER files of each participant in the loss mitigation program in the SDNY. We will collect data points for each debtor, including income, value of the home, amount of the loan, terms of modification agreement (if applicable), case chapter, and lender identity. Because there are well over 1000 cases to examine and dozens of pages of documents for each case, the cost to examine the necessary documents would be prohibitive. We would like to request access for our research assistants as well. We are very thankful for the opportunity to do this research and would be grateful to have access to the PACER files as well in order to offer a thorough analysis.

Sincerely,

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