

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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In Re: :
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Application for Exemption from the Electronic : General Order M-539
Public Access Fees by Wei Wang, :
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This matter is before the Court upon the application and request by Wei Wang (the “Applicant”) 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 received on February 28, 2020, that the Applicant has demonstrated that an exemption is necessary in order to avoid unreasonable burdens and to promote public access to information.

Accordingly, the Applicant 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 and application. The Applicant 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 Applicant, 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 Applicant agrees not to sell for profit any data obtained as a result of receiving this exemption.
4. This exemption is valid from February 28, 2020 through March 31, 2021.

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: March 4, 2020
New York, NY

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



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February 28, 2020

Dear Chief Judge The Honorable Cecelia G. Morris,

Re: Application for Exemption from The Electronic Public Access Fees

I am writing to seek your approval for a one-year fee waiver for my access to court dockets of the U.S. Bankruptcy Court in the Southern District of New York on PACER.

I have been a full-time faculty at Queen's University of Canada since 2007. My academic research interest is to further our understanding of the efficiency of U.S. corporate bankruptcies. I am currently conducting a research project on understanding whether information problem and bargaining frictions may affect restructuring outcomes as well as the role of judges' learning on the bench on bankruptcy outcomes.

The costs of using PACER to collect data on motions and orders related to transactions in bankruptcies start to accumulate, making it difficult to afford with the limited research funding. I am writing to request your kind approval for granting a one-year fee waiver for my access to the court dockets. The retrieval for court documents will be for academic research only. I will not sell, transfer, redistribute, or use the data obtained through PACER for commercial purposes, but only for academic research and publication in academic papers or journals.

It will be much appreciated if you could let me know your decision via email at wwang@queensu.ca. My PACER account number is 3568996 and my user ID is qs0144.

Thanks again for your support for academic research in bankruptcy.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Wei Wang".

Wei Wang