

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-470
Public Access Fees by Chrystin Ondersma, :
Edward Janger and Susan Block-Lieb, :
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This matter is before the Court upon the application and request by Chrystin Ondersma, Edward Janger and Susan Block-Lieb (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 dated May 14, 2014, 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 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 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 agrees not to sell for profit any data obtained as a result of receiving this exemption.
4. This exemption is valid nunc pro tunc, from September 21, 2013 through September 30, 2015.

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
May 19, 2014


CECELIA G. MORRIS
Chief United States Bankruptcy Judge

May 14, 2014

The Honorable Cecilia Morris
U.S. Bankruptcy Court
Southern District of New York
355 Main Street
Poughkeepsie, NY
12601

Dear Judge Morris,

We write respectfully to request a renewal of the waiver of the fees for PACER searches of U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Southern District of New York matters. The initial order approving the waiver of PACER fees was issued on September 21, 2012 and is attached for your reference.

We access PACER for research purposes; specifically, to learn more about debtors who participate in the Loss Mitigation Program. For example, we gather data such as the income of the debtors and other demographic information, the results of the negotiations, and the terms of the loan modifications entered after participation in the program.

The initial waiver expired September 21, 2013, and we incurred PACER fees between September 21, 2013, and May 2014. If possible, we would like the waiver to be retroactive so that the charges we incurred during this time could also be removed.

We are very thankful for the opportunity to do this research and would be grateful for continued access to the PACER files.

Sincerely,

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