

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-472
Public Access Fees by David J. Price :
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This matter is before the Court upon the application and request by David J. Price (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 August 8, 2014, that the Applicant has demonstrated that an exemption is necessary in order to avoid unreasonable burdens and to promote public access to information.

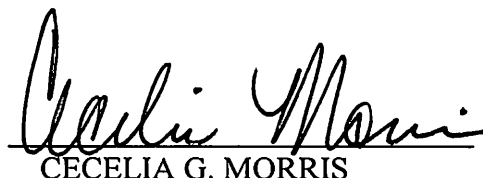
Accordingly, the Applicant shall be exempt from the payment of fees for access via PACER to the electronic case files maintained in this Court to the extent such use is incurred in connection with the project described in the attached letter and application. The Applicant shall not be exempt from the 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 August 13, 2014 through August 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
August 13, 2014



CECELIA G. MORRIS
Chief United States Bankruptcy Judge



Stanford University

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August 4, 2014

Hon. Cecilia G. Morris
United States Bankruptcy Court
Southern District of New York
One Bowling Green
New York, NY 10004-1408

Dear Chief Judge Cecilia G. Morris,

I am writing to request an exemption from fees charged by the Public Access to Court Electronic Records (PACER) service in connection with cases heard in your Court.

I am a Ph.D. Candidate in Economics at Stanford University, and am therefore eligible for an exemption as an individual researcher associated with an educational institution. I am working with other researchers to understand the effect of Chapter 11 business bankruptcy filings on layoffs and subsequent employment outcomes for individuals who worked at bankrupt firms. I intend to publish the results of this scholarly research in an academic journal in order to promote public access to information about the effects of bankruptcy.

To complete this research, I will use electronic bankruptcy records to identify businesses that have filed for bankruptcy, and to determine key dates, associated cases, and important decisions made in connection with each bankruptcy. Over the past few years, there have been approximately 700 filings per year in your Court under Chapter 11, and approximately 10,000 filings per year in all courts. I will analyze data on about 10 years of bankruptcy filings. I will likely need dozens of pages per case, but even 10 documents per case would cost approximately \$7,000 for cases in your court, and \$100,000 overall. This cost is well beyond my research budget as a graduate student, and therefore represents an unreasonable burden.

I expect this research to take approximately one year to complete. I therefore request an exemption period of one year. If this exemption is accepted, please apply the fee exemption to PACER account dp5548.

Data obtained as a result of this exemption will only be used for the above stated purpose. I agree not to sell the data for profit, nor to transfer any data obtained.

Sincerely,

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