

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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In Re: :  
: Application for Exemption from the Electronic : General Order M-521  
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 July 20, 2018, 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 July 20, 2018 through August 30, 2019.

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: July 30, 2018  
New York, NY

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



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July 20, 2018

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. 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.

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 wondered whether you may kindly grant a fee waiver renewal 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](mailto: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