

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-579
 Public Access Fees by Qianyang Zhang, :
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This matter is before the Court upon the application and request by Qianyang Zhang (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 October 1, 2021, 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 October 1, 2021 through October 31, 2023.

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: October 29, 2021
New York, NY

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

I am a PhD student in Economics at Columbia University. I am looking for a comprehensive dataset of retail companies bankruptcy filings and results in the US for the purpose of economics research.

I want to study the spillover effects of retail bankruptcies (Chapter 7 liquidation and Chapter 11 reconstruction) on other existing competitor's and new entrants innovation activities and quality upgrading of products/services. I would also like to quantify the welfare gain/loss for consumers and other firms resulting from different types of retail bankruptcies.

Estimating whether the retail bankruptcies have positive or negative spillovers is an empirical question. To tackle the endogeneity concern of the decision to liquidate versus reorganize, I will follow the method by Bernstein et al. (2020) to use an instrumental approach that exploits the facts that the U.S. assigns cases to judges using a blind rotation system, which quasi-randomizes the assignment of similar companies to liquidation or reorganization. This empirical method will allow me to identify the causal effect of different forms of retail bankruptcies on incumbents and new entrants of the market.

Next, I would like to build a quantitative spatial model to estimate the welfare changes for consumers in different geographic areas, and investigate the implications of consumption inequality for different forms of retail bankruptcies.

My research results could be useful in several aspects. First, it would allow us to better understand the effects of retail bankruptcies on other firms in the industry. Second, it would enhance our understanding of the welfare consequences of retail bankruptcies for firms. Taken together, it would shed light on the effects of retail bankruptcies on firms and consumers. My research project is aimed at informing policies of how we could exploit retail bankruptcies to better improve the market efficiency while protecting consumer benefits.

As a graduate student, I have limited budget for data expenses. Therefore, it would be a big help if an exemption from the courts identified could be approved. Thank you for your time and consideration!

Application for Multi-Court Exemption from the Judicial Conference's Electronic Public Access (EPA) Fees

1.) I am requesting an exemption from fees for public access to electronic case records for the courts selected below:

Courts of Appeal

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| <input type="checkbox"/> First Circuit | <input type="checkbox"/> Eighth Circuit |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Fourth Circuit | <input type="checkbox"/> Eleventh Circuit |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fifth Circuit | <input type="checkbox"/> D.C. Circuit |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sixth Circuit | <input type="checkbox"/> Federal Circuit |

Bankruptcy Appellate Panels (BAP)

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> First Circuit - BAP |
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District Courts

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Alabama Middle | <input type="checkbox"/> Illinois Central | <input type="checkbox"/> Nevada | <input type="checkbox"/> South Carolina |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Alabama Northern | <input type="checkbox"/> Illinois Southern | <input type="checkbox"/> New Hampshire | <input type="checkbox"/> South Dakota |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Alabama Southern | <input type="checkbox"/> Indiana Northern | <input type="checkbox"/> New Jersey | <input type="checkbox"/> Tennessee Eastern |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Colorado | <input type="checkbox"/> Louisiana Western | <input type="checkbox"/> North Dakota | <input type="checkbox"/> Virgin Islands |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Connecticut | <input type="checkbox"/> Maine | <input type="checkbox"/> Northern Mariana Islands | <input type="checkbox"/> Virginia Eastern |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Florida Middle | <input type="checkbox"/> Michigan Eastern | <input type="checkbox"/> Oklahoma Eastern | <input type="checkbox"/> Washington Western |
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Bankruptcy Courts

All Bankruptcy Courts

Alabama Middle

Alabama Northern

Alabama Southern

Alaska

Arizona

Arkansas Eastern

Arkansas Western

California Central

California Eastern

California Northern

California Southern

Colorado

Connecticut

Delaware

District of Columbia

Florida Middle

Florida Northern

Florida Southern

Georgia Northern

Georgia Middle

Georgia Southern

Guam

Hawaii

Idaho

Illinois Northern

Illinois Central

Illinois Southern

Indiana Northern

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Iowa Northern

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Oregon

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Pennsylvania Middle

Pennsylvania Western

Puerto Rico

Rhode Island

South Carolina

South Dakota

Tennessee Eastern

Tennessee Middle

Tennessee Western

Texas Eastern

Texas Northern

Texas Southern

Texas Western

Utah

Vermont

Virgin Islands

Virginia Eastern

Virginia Western

Washington Eastern

Washington Western

West Virginia Northern

West Virginia Southern

Wisconsin Eastern

Wisconsin Western

Wyoming

National Courts

Judicial Panel on
Multidistrict Litigation

U.S. Court of
Federal Claims

U.S. Court of
International Trade

2.) I am an individual associated with

3.) Please summarize why the case information from the Public Access to Court Electronic Records (PACER) service is needed and how it will be used. Also, please explain why an exemption from the courts identified is necessary. If you need more space, please provide in an attachment.

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4.) In support of this application, I affirm the following:

- a) An exemption from the Judicial Conference's EPA Fee is necessary in order to avoid unreasonable burdens and to promote public access to information.
- b) That the exemption will be for a definitive period of time:
- c) I understand that this fee exemption will apply only to me, will be valid only for the purposes stated above, and will apply only to the electronic case files of the court(s) indicated above that are available through the PACER service.
- d) I agree that any data received through this exemption will not be sold for profit, will not be transferred, will not be used for commercial purposes, and will not be redistributed via the Internet.

Declaration: I declare that all the above information is true and understand that a false statement may result in termination of my exempt access and an assessment of Electronic Public Access usage fees. (The box must be marked or your request will not be considered)

Applicant's Printed Name

Applicant's Title

Applicant's Signature

Applicant's Phone Number

Applicant's email address

Applicant's Mailing Address

City

State

Zip Code

Date

Please submit your completed, signed request via email to Multi-CourtExemptions@ao.uscourts.gov or by mail to:

Attention: Multi-Court Exemptions
Court Programs Division
DPS-CSO-PRGD
One Columbus Circle, N.E.
Washington, DC 20544

** Requests sent through the US mail may take up to two weeks to clear security.**