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Application for Exemption from the Electronic	:	General Order M-603
Public Access Fees by Samuel Antill,	:	
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UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT

This matter is before the Court upon the application and request by Samuel Antill (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 December 2, 2022, 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 30, 2022 through August 30, 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: December 5, 2022 New York, NY

/s/ Martin Glenn
MARTIN GLENN
Chief United States Bankruptcy Judge

PACER Fee Exemption Request

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August 17, 2022

1 Why the case information from PACER is needed

I am conducting scholarly research on the efficiency of Chapter 11 corporate bankruptcy. I will use Chapter 11 bankruptcy docket reports to assess how various motions filed during bankruptcy affect bankruptcy outcomes. I will also analyze how firm locations correlate with bankruptcy outcomes. I will summarize my results in scholarly research papers that I will submit to academic journals. This exercise requires a large sample size to get a comprehensive picture of the efficiency of the corporate bankruptcy system. It is my understanding that obtaining such a sample of bankruptcy dockets is only possible through PACER.

2 How the case information from PACER will be used

My exercise will compare bankruptcies filed in a firm's home state to bankruptcies filed outside of a firm's home state. For this exercise to work, I thus need a sample of all corporate bankruptcies. Using the Federal Judicial Center's Integrated Database (IDB),¹ I have obtained 147,843 case numbers corresponding to Chapter 11 cases. Since individuals use Chapter 7 and Chapter 13, I believe these correspond to business bankruptcies. For each of these 147,843 cases, I hope to pull the docket report.

¹See https://www.fjc.gov/research/idb.

Given the large number of cases, I will pull this information using web scraping programs. I am happy to cooperate with court employee requests in scraping this data.

Using this information, I will construct a dataset, conduct statistical analysis using the data, and present the results in scholarly papers and presentations.² I will eventually submit these papers to academic journals. I will **not** sell the data for profit, transfer it or redistribute it on the internet, or use it for commercial purposes.

3 Why an exemption is necessary

If I pull the docket report, that will cost up to \$3.00 per case. It could thus cost as much as \$443,000 to pull this information, which I cannot afford. For this reason, I would be extremely grateful if you would consider my request for an exemption from fees. Thank you so much for considering my request.

Sincerely, Samuel Antill

²For an example, see https://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=3383227.

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	Bankruptcy Appellate Panels (BAP)			
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First Circuit	☐ Eighth Circuit	Sixth Circuit - BAP		
Second Circuit	□ Ninth Circuit	☐ Eighth Circuit - BAP		
☐ Third Circuit	☐ Tenth Circuit	☐ Ninth Circuit - BAP		
Fourth Circuit	☐ Eleventh Circuit	☐ Tenth Circuit - BAP		
Fifth Circuit	D.C. Circuit	_		
Sixth Circuit	☐ Federal Circuit			
District Courts				
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Alabama Middle	Illinois Northern	☐ Nebraska	Rhode Island	
Alabama Northern	☐ Illinois Central	☐ Nevada	South Carolina	
Alabama Southern	☐ Illinois Southern	New Hampshire	South Dakota	
Alaska	☐ Indiana Northern	☐ New Jersey	☐ Tennessee Eastern	
Arizona	☐ Indiana Southern	New Mexico	Tennessee Middle	
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California Southern	Louisiana Eastern	North Carolina Middle	Utah	
Colorado	Louisiana Middle	☐ North Carolina Western	☐ Vermont	
Connecticut	Louisiana Western	☐ North Dakota	☐ Virgin Islands	
□ Delaware	■ Maine	Northern Mariana Islands	☐ Virginia Eastern	
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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: 08/30/2022 08/30/2023
 - 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)

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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

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