

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-606
Public Access Fees by Michelle Miller, :
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This matter is before the Court upon the application and request by Michelle Miller (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 February 27, 2023, 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 February 27, 2023 through February 29, 2025.

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: March 1, 2023
New York, NY

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

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"/> All Courts of Appeal | <input type="checkbox"/> Seventh Circuit |
| <input type="checkbox"/> First Circuit | <input type="checkbox"/> Eighth Circuit |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Second Circuit | <input type="checkbox"/> Ninth Circuit |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Third Circuit | <input type="checkbox"/> Tenth Circuit |
| <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 type="checkbox"/> First Circuit - BAP |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sixth Circuit - BAP |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Eighth Circuit - BAP |
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District Courts

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| <input type="checkbox"/> All District Courts | | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Alabama Middle | <input type="checkbox"/> Illinois Northern | <input type="checkbox"/> Nebraska | <input type="checkbox"/> Rhode Island |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Alabama Northern | <input type="checkbox"/> Illinois Central | <input type="checkbox"/> Nevada | <input type="checkbox"/> South Carolina |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Alabama Southern | <input type="checkbox"/> Illinois Southern | <input type="checkbox"/> New Hampshire | <input type="checkbox"/> South Dakota |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Alaska | <input type="checkbox"/> Indiana Northern | <input type="checkbox"/> New Jersey | <input type="checkbox"/> Tennessee Eastern |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Arizona | <input type="checkbox"/> Indiana Southern | <input type="checkbox"/> New Mexico | <input type="checkbox"/> Tennessee Middle |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Arkansas Eastern | <input type="checkbox"/> Iowa Northern | <input type="checkbox"/> New York Eastern | <input type="checkbox"/> Tennessee Western |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Arkansas Western | <input type="checkbox"/> Iowa Southern | <input type="checkbox"/> New York Northern | <input type="checkbox"/> Texas Eastern |
| <input type="checkbox"/> California Central | <input type="checkbox"/> Kansas | <input type="checkbox"/> New York Southern | <input type="checkbox"/> Texas Northern |
| <input type="checkbox"/> California Eastern | <input type="checkbox"/> Kentucky Eastern | <input type="checkbox"/> New York Western | <input type="checkbox"/> Texas Southern |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> California Southern | <input type="checkbox"/> Louisiana Eastern | <input type="checkbox"/> North Carolina Middle | <input type="checkbox"/> Utah |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Colorado | <input type="checkbox"/> Louisiana Middle | <input type="checkbox"/> North Carolina Western | <input type="checkbox"/> Vermont |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Connecticut | <input type="checkbox"/> Louisiana Western | <input type="checkbox"/> North Dakota | <input type="checkbox"/> Virgin Islands |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Delaware | <input type="checkbox"/> Maine | <input type="checkbox"/> Northern Mariana Islands | <input type="checkbox"/> Virginia Eastern |
| <input type="checkbox"/> District of Columbia | <input type="checkbox"/> Maryland | <input type="checkbox"/> Ohio Northern | <input type="checkbox"/> Virginia Western |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Florida Middle | <input type="checkbox"/> Massachusetts | <input type="checkbox"/> Ohio Southern | <input type="checkbox"/> Washington Eastern |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Guam | <input type="checkbox"/> Missouri Eastern | <input type="checkbox"/> Pennsylvania Middle | <input type="checkbox"/> Wyoming |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hawaii | <input type="checkbox"/> Missouri Western | <input type="checkbox"/> Pennsylvania Western | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Idaho | <input type="checkbox"/> Montana | <input type="checkbox"/> Puerto Rico | |

Bankruptcy Courts

All Bankruptcy Courts

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

Arkansas Eastern

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Georgia Middle

Mississippi Northern

Oregon

Wisconsin Eastern

Georgia Southern

Mississippi Southern

Pennsylvania Eastern

Wisconsin Western

Guam

Missouri Eastern

Pennsylvania Middle

Wyoming

Hawaii

Missouri Western

Pennsylvania Western

Idaho

Montana

Puerto Rico

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.

I'm requesting a PACER exemption so that I can study bankruptcy use by gender. To date, scholars know very little about the use of bankruptcy by gender. This is because public datasets do not contain information on the filer's gender. A scattering of studies that have tried to fill this gap. However, each of these studies uses a different sampling scheme, samples a different geographic area, or is constructed over a short time period. Therefore, we still do not have a good understanding of bankruptcy use by gender--- we don't know how many men versus women file for bankruptcy each year.

A PACER exemption would help advance our knowledge on this topic. With a PACER exemption, I would collect the docket sheet from every court between 2008 and 2022. (This would coincide with the publicly available data from the FJC.) From the docket

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

 Digitally signed by Michelle Miller
Date: 2023.02.27 11:34:29 -08'00'

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.****