

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-637  
Public Access Fees by Zihan Ye, :  
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This matter is before the Court upon the application and request by Zihan Ye (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 June 18, 2024, 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 1, 2024 through June 30, 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: June 27, 2024  
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"/> Illinois Northern    | <input type="checkbox"/> Nebraska                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Rhode Island           |
| <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           |
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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"/> Hawaii               | <input type="checkbox"/> Montana              | <input type="checkbox"/> Puerto Rico              |   |
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## Bankruptcy Courts

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## National Courts

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Judicial Panel on<br>Multidistrict Litigation | <input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Court of<br>Federal Claims | <input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Court of<br>International Trade |
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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 am an Assistant Professor of Finance at the University of Tennessee, currently undertaking a research project focused on healthcare bankruptcies. I have compiled a list of 1,271 tax-exempt healthcare bankruptcies sourced from the Federal Judicial Center, which span across 62 bankruptcy courts. The attached document includes the docket numbers for these cases, a summary of the case distribution across the courts, and data collection steps. PACER access is crucial for my research as it provides specific information that is not available elsewhere. With PACER access, I intend to review the Case Summary for each case to gather information including entity name, filing date, termination date, county, judge, attorney, and EIN. This detailed information is essential for a comprehensive analysis of healthcare bankruptcy outcomes and the broader impacts on social and economic conditions.

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 Zihan Ye  
Date: 2024.06.24 09:30:16 -04'00'

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](mailto: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.\*\***

In this attachment, I outline the steps for data collection and provide a summary of the distribution of cases from each bankruptcy court.

### Data Collection Steps:

1. **Locating Cases:** Using the docket number (see the attached Excel file for a complete list of the 1,271 cases), I will locate each bankruptcy case on PACER. I will match on the filing date and search for "health" as a key term in the case title to identify the relevant bankruptcy cases.
2. **Case Summary Collection:** After identifying the case, I will click on the Case Summary to collect specific information. This includes the entity name, filing date, termination date, county, judge, attorney, and EIN.
3. **Additional Data Collection:** To further understand the process and the parties involved in each case, I will also explore other queries, such as details on the attorney, list of creditors, and notice of bankruptcy case filing party, among other relevant information.

### Example of Data Collection:

- For case 07-06704, I entered the case number and selected the jurisdiction type as Bankruptcy. This yielded 12 search results.

Case Title	Case Number	Court	Date Filed	Date Closed
ELI DAVIS and LUZ N DAVIS	2:2007bk06704	Arizona Bankruptcy Court	12/11/2007	03/16/2011
Ursula Latrice Wheeler	3:2007bk06704	California Southern Bankruptcy Court	11/21/2007	02/22/2008
Thomas Jefferson Haydon Jr	8:2007bk06704	Florida Middle Bankruptcy Court	07/31/2007	04/02/2013
Shohre Horst	6:2007bk06704	Florida Middle Bankruptcy Court	12/21/2007	04/21/2008
Taylor, Attorney at Law, P.C. and Gaudet	1:2007an06704	Georgia Northern Bankruptcy Court	12/11/2007	10/21/2008
Jacqueline Y Anderson	1:2007bk06704	Illinois Northern Bankruptcy Court	04/13/2007	02/25/2010
Antana Anwarzai	1:2007bk06704	Indiana Southern Bankruptcy Court	07/18/2007	11/05/2007
Lim and Al Olszewski & Associates, Inc.	2:2007ap06704	Michigan Eastern Bankruptcy Court	11/25/2007	02/15/2008
Christopher Wozniak and Jammie Wozniak	1:2007bk06704	Michigan Western Bankruptcy Court	09/14/2007	03/14/2008
TOA ALTA COMPREHENSIVE URBAN RURAL ADVANCED HEALTH	3:2007bk06704	Puerto Rico Bankruptcy Court	11/12/2007	02/19/2008
Alexander Jeremiah Vergas	7:2007bk06704	South Carolina Bankruptcy Court	12/02/2007	10/07/2008
PALULA MICHELE KOON	3:2007bk06704	Tennessee Middle Bankruptcy Court	09/14/2007	07/15/2008

- Based on the filing date from the FJC (2007/11/12) and the presence of "HEALTH" in the case title, I identified the case as "TOA ALTA COMPREHENSIVE URBAN RURAL ADVANCED HEALTH."
- By clicking on the Case Summary under the Query for this case, I gathered the necessary information.
- As the research project progresses, I may need to run additional queries for details such as attorney information, the list of creditors, and notices of bankruptcy case filings.

**Summary of Case Distribution:** The 1,271 cases are distributed across 62 bankruptcy courts, as detailed below:

DISTRICT	District Name	Number of Cases
0	Maine	24
1	Massachusetts	63
2	New Hampshire	4
3	Rhode Island	3
4	Puerto Rico	12
5	Connecticut	25
6	New York - Northern	28
7	New York - Eastern	51
8	New York - Southern	132
9	New York - Western	12
10	Vermont	10
11	Delaware	36
12	New Jersey	36
13	Pennsylvania - Eastern	3
14	Pennsylvania - Middle	7
15	Pennsylvania - Western	14
17	North Carolina - Eastern	13
18	North Carolina - Middle	25
19	North Carolina - Western	5
20	South Carolina	1
23	Virginia - Western	4
25	West Virginia - Southern	11
27	Alabama - Middle	2
37	Mississippi - Northern	12
39	Texas - Northern	22
40	Texas - Eastern	5
41	Texas - Southern	12
42	Texas - Western	22
43	Kentucky - Eastern	7
44	Kentucky - Western	17
45	Michigan - Eastern	4
47	Ohio - Northern	13
48	Ohio - Southern	7
49	Tennessee - Eastern	4
50	Tennessee - Middle	118
52	Illinois - Northern	53
53	Illinois - Central	8
54	Illinois - Southern	9

55	Indiana - Northern	15
56	Indiana - Southern	13
57	Wisconsin - Eastern	2
60	Arkansas - Eastern	16
62	Iowa - Northern	2
63	Iowa - Southern	21
64	Minnesota	11
65	Missouri - Eastern	9
66	Missouri - Western	3
70	Arizona	6
71	California - Northern	30
72	California - Eastern	22
73	California - Central	96
76	Idaho	2
78	Nevada	3
79	Oregon	5
80	Washington - Eastern	34
81	Washington - Western	11
83	Kansas	7
84	New Mexico	7
85	Oklahoma - Northern	2
86	Oklahoma - Eastern	3
87	Oklahoma - Western	4
89	Wyoming	5
	Missing	108