

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-658
Public Access Fees by Qian Wang, :
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This matter is before the Court upon the application and request by Qian 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 October 2, 2025, 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, 2025 through September 30, 2027.

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 6, 2025
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
For Individual Researchers Associated with Educational Institutions**

Applicant's Name:	Qian Wang
Applicant's Title:	PhD Candidate, Research Assistant
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1. Are you an individual researcher associated with an educational institution, or a student associated with an educational institution conducting academic research under the supervision of a professor or instructor?

☒ Yes

☐ No

2. Please identify your status. [Certification Requirement] Please attach a letter from the professor/instructor who certifies this research is for a course project, thesis, dissertation, or other academic product.

☐ High School student

☐ Undergraduate Student

☒ Graduate/Professional Student

☐ Faculty/Lecturer

☐ Post-Doctoral Researcher

☐ Certification program student.

3. Please provide the name and type of educational institution you and your research are associated with.

Name of Institution: Purdue University

☐ Community/Junior College

☒ Four-year college or university

☐ Post-graduate program

☐ Other degree conferring program, including secondary school program.

☐ Professional skills certification program

☐ Other non-degree conferring program. Explain:

4. Is the associated educational institution duly accredited and located in the United States? You may search this site <https://ope.ed.gov/dapip/#/home> to determine whether your institution has been accredited in the United States.

☒ Yes

☐ No

5. Do you and/or your affiliated academic institution plan to sell the product of your research?

☐ Yes

☒ No

6. Do you plan to re-distribute the product of your research? If so, please describe the manner in which it will be re-distributed?

Yes. The primary product of this research is an academic paper. I plan to distribute the paper through academic channels, including presentation at academic conferences and submission to peer-reviewed journals. The redistribution will be limited to the research findings and analysis; no proprietary or confidential data will be shared.

7. Please describe your research project, including the hypothesis or thesis that your research will support. You may be required to provide additional information.

The research project includes two specific topics: (1) capital sources, judge leniency, and sole proprietorship outcomes, and (2) PPP access and small firm bankruptcy. A detailed proposal for each topic is attached following the form.

8. Please describe what resources are needed from PACER and why. Limitation in scope is demonstrated by narrowly tailoring the amount of exempt access requested to meet the needs of the defined research project.

The docket report, case summary, claims register, petitions (Form 201) and schedules (Form 206 A/B, D, E/F, G, H, and Summary) are needed for each sole proprietorship case and corporate case.

9. Please estimate of the number and type(s) of cases and/or documents needed to accomplish your research.

Project 1: According to the Federal Judicial Center (FJC), there were approximately 194,696 individual lead bankruptcy filings (Chapters 7, 11, and 13) classified as business-related between January 1, 2010, and December 31, 2024.

Project 2: According to the FJC, there were approximately 16,472 corporate bankruptcy filings (Chapters 7 and 11) during the period 2020–2024 that needs initial screening to get corporate names and other basic information.

In total, the research requires access to about 211,168 bankruptcy cases.

10. Please indicate whether you intend to conduct your research using manual searches or by running a data script or some other computer-aided search and/or retrieval process.

I will use Python to run data scripts to search and retrieve data.

11. What is the period of time for which you are requesting the PACER fee exemption? Please note that you must provide a specific timeframe. You may not request an exemption for an indefinite time period.

I request the exemption period from 10/01/2025 to 09/30/2027.

12. Please select the courts from which you are requesting PACER fee exemptions.

Courts of Appeal

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| ☐ All Courts of Appeal | ☐ Fifth Circuit | ☐ Tenth Circuit |
| ☐ First Circuit | ☐ Sixth Circuit | ☐ Eleventh Circuit |
| ☐ Second Circuit | ☐ Seventh Circuit | ☐ D.C Circuit |
| ☐ Third Circuit | ☐ Eighth Circuit | ☐ Federal Circuit |
| ☐ Fourth Circuit | ☐ Ninth Circuit | |

Bankruptcy Appellate Panels (BAP)

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| ☐ First Circuit - BAP | ☐ Ninth Circuit - BAP |
| ☐ Sixth Circuit - BAP | ☐ Tenth Circuit - BAP |
| ☐ Eighth Circuit - BAP | |

District Courts

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| ☐ All District Courts | ☐ Idaho | ☐ Montana | ☐ Puerto Rico |
| ☐ Alabama Middle | ☐ Illinois Central | ☐ Nebraska | ☐ Rhode Island |
| ☐ Alabama Northern | ☐ Illinois Northern | ☐ 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 | ☐ Iowa Northern | ☐ New York Eastern | ☐ Tennessee Western |

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| ☐ California Central | ☐ Kansas | ☐ New York Southern | ☐ Texas Northern |
| ☐ California Eastern | ☐ Kentucky Eastern | ☐ New York Western | ☐ Texas Southern |
| ☐ California Northern | ☐ Kentucky Western | ☐ North Carolina Eastern | ☐ Texas Western |
| ☐ 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 |
| ☐ District of Columbia | ☐ Maryland | ☐ Ohio Northern | ☐ Virginia Western |
| ☐ Florida Middle | ☐ Massachusetts | ☐ Ohio Southern | ☐ Washington Eastern |
| ☐ Florida Northern | ☐ Michigan Eastern | ☐ Oklahoma Eastern | ☐ Washington Western |
| ☐ Florida Southern | ☐ Michigan Western | ☐ Oklahoma Northern | ☐ West Virginia Northern |
| ☐ Georgia Middle | ☐ Minnesota | ☐ Oklahoma Western | ☐ West Virginia Southern |
| ☐ Georgia Northern | ☐ Mississippi Northern | ☐ Oregon | ☐ Wisconsin Eastern |
| ☐ Georgia Southern | ☐ Mississippi Southern | ☐ Pennsylvania Eastern | ☐ Wisconsin Western |
| ☐ Guam | ☐ Missouri Eastern | ☐ Pennsylvania Middle | ☐ Wyoming |
| ☐ Hawaii | ☐ Missouri Western | ☐ Pennsylvania Western | |

Bankruptcy Courts

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| ☐ All Bankruptcy Courts | ☒ Idaho | ☒ Montana | ☐ Puerto Rico |
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National Courts

- ☐ Judicial Panel on Multidistrict Litigation
- ☐ U.S. Court of Federal Claims
- ☐ U.S. Court of International Trade

13. In support of this application, I certify 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. I understand that any authorized 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.
- c. I agree that any data I receive 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; and
- d. I declare that all the information I have provided on this application is true, and I understand that a false statement may result in termination of my exempt access and an assessment of Electronic Public Access usage fees.
- e. I certify that I have read the [instructions](#) and am aware of the available resources to obtain judicial opinions and data on case filings outside of PACER and that additional information from PACER is required to accomplish my research objective.

Signature 