



**Application for Multi-Court Exemption from the Judicial Conference's  
Electronic Public Access (EPA) Fees  
For Individual Researchers Associated with Educational Institutions**

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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: Indiana University Bloomington

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:

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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?

We plan to use the data for academic papers. we will distribute the paper with aggregated results to academic conferences and academic journals.

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

(Please check the attached proposal for more details) This research project examines the debt relief benefits across the income distribution, with a focus on Chapter 13 bankruptcy. While federal initiatives aim to target relief toward low- and middle-income households, our preliminary evidence from linked credit-bureau and employment data

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.

To refine and extend our findings, we seek access to Chapter 13 filing dockets from 2011 to 2018 for all U.S. bankruptcy districts for a selected number of cases, excluding U.S. territory courts. We first refine our sample by conducting a case-by-case match between the anonymous credit bureau data and the bankruptcy filing data from the Federal Judicial Center (using filing date, disposition date, and filer ZIP codes), confining to matched

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

We plan to access about 978,217 Chapter 13 cases. For each case, we plan to download the "Voluntary Petition", "Chapter 13 Plan the Related Motions", and "Trustee's Final Report and Account" files.

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.

We will retrieve the required files from PACER using a combination of manual downloading and carefully controlled script-assisted retrieval. All downloads will strictly comply with court rules, including restrictions on automated access and any limitations requiring downloads to occur only outside regular business hours.

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.

We plan to access the data for 24 months.

Months 1–3: Preparation and pilot retrieval.  
Finalize case lists, organize courts by district, establish compliant manual and script-assisted workflows, and conduct pilot downloads on a limited subset of courts.

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

Courts of Appeal

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| <input type="checkbox"/> All Courts of Appeal | <input type="checkbox"/> Fifth Circuit   | <input type="checkbox"/> Tenth Circuit    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> First Circuit        | <input type="checkbox"/> Sixth Circuit   | <input type="checkbox"/> Eleventh Circuit |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Second Circuit       | <input type="checkbox"/> Seventh Circuit | <input type="checkbox"/> D.C Circuit      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Third Circuit        | <input type="checkbox"/> Eighth Circuit  | <input type="checkbox"/> Federal Circuit  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fourth Circuit       | <input type="checkbox"/> Ninth Circuit   |   |

Bankruptcy Appellate Panels (BAP)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> First Circuit - BAP  | <input type="checkbox"/> Ninth Circuit - BAP |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sixth Circuit - BAP  | <input type="checkbox"/> Tenth Circuit - BAP |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Eighth Circuit - BAP |  |

District Courts

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| <input type="checkbox"/> All District Courts | <input type="checkbox"/> Idaho             | <input type="checkbox"/> Montana          | <input type="checkbox"/> Puerto Rico       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Alabama Middle      | <input type="checkbox"/> Illinois Central  | <input type="checkbox"/> Nebraska         | <input type="checkbox"/> Rhode Island      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Alabama Northern    | <input type="checkbox"/> Illinois Northern | <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      |
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#### Bankruptcy Courts

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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 Qianfan Wu